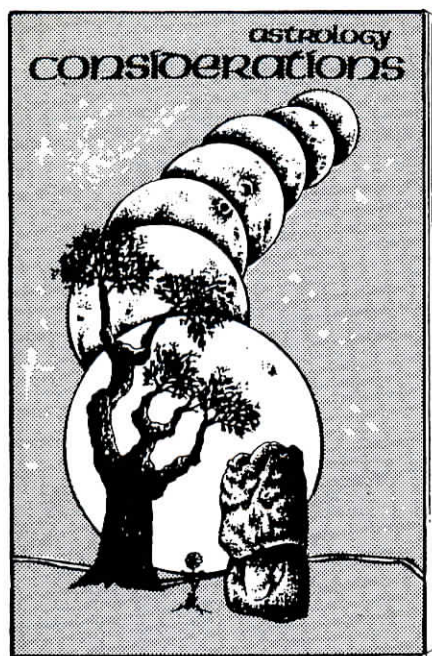


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These Considerations

DOES the ongoing conjunction of ♃ and ♃ indicate an actual alliance between their two planetary principles? Have these two gods combined forces in order to gain some important objective? Should anyone, astrologer or other, at the end of the 20th Century even consider regarding the world in much the same way that someone did *circa* 600 B.C.? There are strong arguments to suggest that the Greek mythologies are a corpus of astrological interpretations. How else explain the correlations between the natures of ♃, ♃, ♂, ♃, etc., observed within the horoscope and the recorded natures of the appropriate gods handed down to us in myth? Or do we truly fool ourselves with our ring-a-rosy symbolism? And if myth says there were factions and alliances on Olympus, what of now? **Prier Wintle**, in discussing the nature of ♃, broaches this fretful subject. Should we simply dismiss it all as an archaic kettle of petrified worms, completely out of step with our modern understanding of the way things are, or do we observe that the mythic Ares did truly have a 'martian' nature and so keep an open mind on the matter? However you decide, Prier's description of Neptunian antics makes for fascinating reading.

Last time round **Denis Saunders** wrote about his study of the charts of murderers and their victims. He noted an above-average incidence of bodies in the degrees occupied by the nodes of ♃ and ♃. Now **Theodor Landscheidt** provides a full explanation of these planetary nodes and describes their effect in any birth chart. The examples he provides clearly show these to be extremely important points which should always be noted in chart interpretation and also when aspected by progression.

Besides these two important articles, the present *Considerations* contains an excellent introduction to the general principles of retrogradation by **Stan Riddle**; a proposal by **Nick Sutherland** for using the 90° Dial and midpoints to identify the leader of any group; further explanation and examples of 1st Trade Charts by **Bill Meridian**; a discussion by **Barbara Koval** on just what is involved to accomplish a successful rectification; a listing of the coordinates of important places provided by **Axel Harvey**; and your editor's explanation of his approach to unraveling the annual rate in the Life Span Revolution. This last aims to help those who have experienced problems with the LSRev.

Examine and comment on the fascinating solar return on pages 35-36, and do try your hand at the latest rectification contest.

Enjoy!



NEPTUNE is the most mystical and, from some points of view, the most indeterminate and unpredictable of the planets. Paradoxically, however, he was the first to have his position accurately predicted before being discovered by telescope, through the application of precise scientific and mathematical laws. Calculations based on Newton's principles of planetary motion applied to the observed orbits of ♃ and ♅ had revealed anomalies which suggested that another planet was pulling them out of line. Astronomers working independently in Britain and France then came up with substantially the same theoretical position for it. On September 23, 1846 Johann Galle of the Berlin observatory located Ψ telescopically just where the French had calculated. Truly it was a paradox, for the scientific planet ♅ had been discovered sixty years earlier quite by accident during a random telescope sweep of the heavens by the astronomer William Herschel. And that discovery coincided with the revolution then beginning in scientific thought which has since led to the development of the modern world, without which there would have been no systematic search for Ψ!

Typical Neptunian confusion ensued immediately after its discovery. Two different people, in Britain and France, had predicted him and he had actually been sighted by two other different people, in Britain and Germany. Who should rightfully be credited with his discovery? This particular problem was eventually settled more or less amicably by giving equal credit to Leverrier in France and Adams in England (the mathematical predictors), but another problem remained. Although he had duly appeared where Adams and Leverrier had predicted, the new planet really shouldn't have been there at all. The series of planets of the Solar System from ♄ out as far as ♅, including the asteroids, are all spaced at distances from the ☉ which can be predicted fairly closely by a formula known as Bode's Law. Ψ was the first planet that did not fit into this system. Indeed, the distance ♄ is from the ☉ is remarkably close to where this law says Ψ should be (see Table 1).

Not that anyone really knew why Bode's Law worked or whether it was anything more than a coincidence anyway, but still it was disturbing to find it broken, just as it had been disturbing in ♅'s case to discover *any* new planet — even one which did satisfy Bode's Law — beyond the orbit

of ♃, which everyone till then had taken to be the absolute outer limit of the Solar System. With hindsight, however, we can now see that this breaking of the rule was a definite intimation from ♄ that he represented yet another dimension. The limit of new dimensions had not been reached with ♃. When that planet was discovered in 1781 an intensely individualistic new *series* had really begun to appear, each successive member of which would upset or shatter existing beliefs and concepts in its own characteristic way. As with earthquakes, the one predictable thing about them would be their unpredictability. Three quarters of a century after the discovery of ♄ the tiny size and widely eccentric orbit of ♅ once again fitted into this astronomical pattern of complete unexpectedness. And the devastating political and psychological upheavals of the fifty years since ♅'s discovery have similarly forced astrologers and the world generally to develop yet more entirely new insights into mankind's own unsuspected hidden depths.

Table 1:

Bode's Law

An empirical law for the distances of the planets from the ☉ discovered by J. D. Titius in 1766 and later discussed by J. E. Bode. If A is equal to the mean distance from the ☉, Bode's law gives the distance of the planets in astronomical units by the expression:

$$A = 0.4 + 0.3 \times 2^n, \text{ where } n = \infty, 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Planet	n	A (Bode's Law)	Actual Distance
Mercury	∞	0.4	0.39
Venus	0	0.7	0.72
Earth	1	1.0	1.00
Mars	2	1.6	1.52
Ceres	3	2.8	2.77
Jupiter	4	5.2	5.20
Saturn	5	10.0	9.54
Uranus	6	19.6	19.18
Neptune	—	—	30.06
Pluto	7	38.8	39.52

 IS ONE of the three non-rational planets in our system. Each of the bodies which is a primary ruler of one of the three Water Signs is basically anti-intellectual and intuitive in its mode of operation. Of the three, ♄ is the most aggressive and martial, as befits the Martian co-rulership of his Sign ♈. The ♃ is the most homely of the three, as one would expect from the association of the Sign ♉ with the IVth House. She stands for woman in her sensitive, protective aspect, contrasting with the outgoing, organizing, dominating male, and also for the 'common people' with their unsophisticated, reactive, responsive and in general 'basic' way of just being there and carrying on, acknowledging their need to accept outside direction, whether from constitutional, traditional authority or from self-appointed leaders. Nevertheless she is by no means to be dismissed or merely treated as a walk-over. She is there in all of us at a fundamental level. Her way is the way we all both feel and think when we feel and think associatively rather than rationally, which we all do for a larger part of the time than most if us realize. Whenever we are not consciously and deliberately working some matter out logically we arrive at conclusions about things associatively in her way. All democracies depend on her and all democratic elections have to be framed to appeal to her basic level of understanding. Any candidate who forgets this is in for a rude shock.



♅ is the hardest of the three to understand, although in the 150 years since his objective discovery mankind has probably advanced further towards a comprehension of the principle he represents than ever before. He is the primary ruler of the Sign ♊ (with ♋ as co-ruler) and is therefore naturally associated with the XIIth House, the house of confinement, secret enemies and self-undoing. What these labels really indicate is that the early astrologers who framed them were approximating in a somewhat groping way, having regard to the natural preconceptions of the times in which they lived, to the realization that a very large proportion of what happens to each one of us is fundamentally our own doing. The Sign and House that ♅ rules are in fact the Sign and House associated with that most intimate aspect of ourselves, the subconscious aspect. The XIIth House of the horoscope is the one that has just risen above the horizon. The Ist House, the one we normally associate with ourselves, is the one just below it. Symbolically this illustrates a well-known but not always clearly understood and enunciated truth. As private individuals we are jealous of our own 'privacy' and think of ourselves as separate and distinct. We give ourselves reasons for the things we do and expect others to

NEPTUNE IN MYTH

Ψ was known as Poseidon to the Greeks; he was a son of Kronos and Rhea, the brother of Zeus (Υ) and Hades (Ε). The three sons of Kronos divided the universe by casting lots: Zeus gained heaven, Hades the lower world, and Poseidon the sea; Olympus and the earth they hold in common. As the ruler of the waves, Poseidon is a sea-god liable to attacks of tempestuous rage. He rides the deep in a chariot pulled by splendid golden sea-horses. In his hands is a mighty trident, a weapon capable of stirring the waters to fury. A turbulent, independent deity, he is portrayed as a tall and stately figure, not unlike Zeus in general appearance, but distinguished by his emblem, the trident, and by his wilder and more uncouth appearance. In addition to being a sea-god, Poseidon is an earthquake-god and, as Hippios, 'He of the Horse', the creator of horses.

The most likely etymology of Poseidon's name is 'husband of Da', Da being an old, pre-Greek, name of the earth-goddess. "He had, properly speaking, no name of his own, but was simply known as 'the spouse of Earth.' He only became a great god when his original nature, and also the origin of his name, were forgotten."¹ This agrees with his common title Gaiaochos, 'holder (embracer, husband) of the Earth'. While the corn goddess, Demeter, was searching for her lost daughter, Poseidon saw and loved her. To avoid him, she took the form of a mare; but he assumed the shape of a stallion, and forced himself upon her. From this union was born the wonderful horse Arion, 'the very swift', and also a daughter, whose name only the initiated might know. Some say she is the goddess Despoina, 'the Mistress'; one of the names for the queen of the underworld. His consort is Amphitrite. She was an unwilling bride, hiding from Poseidon with Okeanos until a dolphin found her. Once married, she became a jealous wife, and not without cause. Poseidon paid court to Skylla. Amphitrite heard of it, and put magical herbs in her rival's bathing-place. The effect was to turn her from the loins down into a horrible monster, encircled with a ring of dogs' heads, who thenceforth became a terror of all mariners, seizing on and devouring them as they sailed past her cave in the Straits of Messina. Later rationalizers were at pains to explain away this picturesque sailor's yarn as involving a whirlpool, rock, or other natural danger.

Triton, the merman, is the son of Poseidon and Amphitrite.

¹ Guthrie, W. K. C. *The Greeks and Their Gods*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1955.

Poseidon was also the lover of Medusa, who was pregnant by him when she was killed by Perseus at Athena's bidding. It is only later that Medusa became known as a misshapen Gorgon, originally her beauty was preferred above Athena's. Athena had Medusa's severed head placed on her shield, while from Medusa's trunk were born the winged horse Pegasus and Chrysaor, 'he of the golden sword'. There is continual conflict between Poseidon and Athena [a rivalry the Romans also recognized by pairing Neptune with Minerva (Athena); they also coupled Jupiter with Juno, Apollo (☉) with Diana (☾), and Mars with Venus].

The Greeks came by land to the country they occupied in historical times, and brought with them no sea-mythology; hence some part of Poseidon's violence and roughness was inherited from deities of the wind or the earthquake, or perhaps of mountain torrents. He is always connected with water, however; water fertilizes the earth, and earthquakes were once thought to be due to water undermining the ground. Nonetheless, his most prominent function is that of sea-god, and it is in this capacity that we find him, in Homer, wrecking

Odysseus, and again and again rising from, plunging into, or journeying over the sea. He is nearly always shown as violent and ill-tempered, whether by sea or on land; a sea-god pure and simple would surely be sometimes calm. He is a violent partisan, consistent in his hatred and desire for revenge. His standing epithet is Earth-shaker, and a stroke of his trident is enough to shatter a rock and drown the man standing on it. Violent in all things, he is also a violent lover.

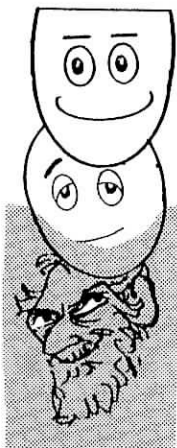
The French astronomer Urbain-Jean-Joseph Leverrier proposed the planet's name in a letter to the German astronomer Johann Galle suggesting he search for it. (Galle observed it five days later.) The choice was a good one: the genealogical line Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus used for the previous three planets could not be continued since Uranus had no father. It was therefore logical to return to the brothers of Jupiter (Zeus).²

² Rose, H. J. *A Handbook of Greek Mythology*. New York: E. P. Dutton, 1959.

believe and accept them. Only the topmost surface of ourselves, we think, is actually rising and visible to everyone else. But in reality all the subconscious aspect of ourselves has risen and been obvious to everyone who has known us from the day we were born right up to the present time — to parents, siblings, school teachers, school friends, and whoever. It has been manifested in our physical appearance, in how we dress and talk and in everything we do. Our true motives for all our actions are usually very obvious to everyone else, even though they may still be a mystery to the conscious part of ourselves, still tucked away below the horizon. The 'unconscious' XIIth House in fact is only unconscious to us personally. Other people with insight can read it in detail. All of us read it in others as far as we feel we need to, in a pragmatic way. We all know what we can expect of Mr. Smith or Mrs. Jones, and why.

The new development of the past century and a half has been the beginning of a fully fledged, objective, scientific study of the so-called

'unconscious.' And the first and probably the most serious conundrum which immediately faced scientific psychological investigators was the meaning of and reason for the patent division which exists between the two halves of our personalities.³ Why is there a threshold? Why is the subconscious subconscious? Why are we unconscious of such a large part of our total make-up? Out of the total human potential, why is the largest proportion not accessible to the conscious self?



The fact has to be faced that much the greater and, in truth, the stronger part of our being works unconsciously, as far as we personally are concerned. It is the unconscious part of us which beats our hearts, digests our food, breathes our lungs and

— dare we realize it? — even thinks our thoughts. Hardly one man or woman in 10,000 (particularly in the West) can really say for sure what thought will be passing through his or her head half a minute from now. And how disorganized and chaotic our thoughts usually are when we come to analyze them objectively, in the light of logic! Most of the time our subconscious just keeps our minds automatically turning over for us; following lateral, lunar, associative paths and balking at any obstacle which presents itself that might require the least mental effort to overcome. Every time such a thing appears there is an immediate gear-change to something as far removed as possible from whatever was the subject of thought till then, following whatever irrelevance conveniently suggests

³ A new division, between Right and Left brain halves of our personal make-up, has more recently been discovered. I am not referring to this here.

itself as an escape route. All the Water Signs together are like an underground stream flowing out of the past, and we do actually live most of the time in our past, thinking thoughts based on past memories. We only dream fantasies of the present and future, save in those few small areas already referred to where we consciously take ourselves in hand and concentrate on some specific task. Here we make some progress and imagine for a time that we really are in overall charge of the situation. Yet even then all the rest of our thoughts — the majority of our thoughts — are still being thought for us by subconsciousness, i.e. by the ♃ and ♀. And how strong they are! Just try to break a habit, or convince someone else he or she should think or do something different from what they have always thought or done, and see what you are up against!

Our personal identification is with the conscious part of ourselves, but for the most part this can only watch the process operating and be carried along by it. We have to take our bodies pretty much as they come — from birth through the growing-up process to maturity and then on to old age and death. We may be quick-witted or slow as Chance or Nature or ♀ or whoever it is decrees. We even have to give up our consciousness altogether for up to one-third of our lives in order to sleep. However, as conscious beings we do possess one thing which the Unconscious does not have of itself — the ability to will. Ability to will is a form of freedom, even though the extent to which we know that freedom may be small and limited at our present stage of evolution. Freedom is something which, in a very profound sense, is synonymous with consciousness. Only consciousness can have it. Here indeed is a mystery which links us directly to "the Rock whence we are hewn,"⁴ the Source of All. Appropriately therefore it is symbolized in the horoscope by the 1st house, still below the horizon of the chart.

Consciousness is potentially the greatest power of all. Potentially it can become conscious of unconsciousness and master it. As yet however it has not done it — ever. While they still have to sleep and grow old and die, while they are subject to illogicalities and jealousies and suspicions and passions, the pretensions of the greatest political tyrants of this world are really only make-believe play-play. The unconscious part of them is still thinking most of their thoughts. The separation between the two halves of their personalities is still the dominant reality in their lives, as it is with all the rest of us. The Gods are laughing at them, with ♀ the foremost. Very probably the illusions of grandeur which form such an important part of their puny dreams actually come directly from him!

A few partial masters of unconsciousness — mainly in the East — realizing that what they were seeking to rule was an extension of them-

⁴ Isaiah 51:1.

selves, have discovered that the true way to go about the task is not to bully the self, which does so much for us, but to learn from it and co-operate with it. The will in opposition to a habit or subconscious desire always loses in the end. It tires and needs to rest whereas what it is opposing has no need to sleep. It is already unconscious! If you want to rule the subliminal self, learn the way it works. Its operative principle is desire. Therefore, learn to make it *want* to serve you. Note how horse riders make loving friends of their steeds till their one absorbing *desire* is to do their best for them. To do this is to open the first of many doors, for *our* sub-consciousness, our subliminal self, is our approach to the unconscious aspect of the whole of manifestation. This is the Garden of Eden, which the Book of Genesis tells us was explicitly formed to be ruled by us when we understand what is meant by entering into relationship with it intimately enough to be able to *name* it.⁵

WESTERN civilization has a more objectively polarized mental set than any civilization which ever preceded it. Both its strength and its weakness stems from its objectification of the world about it as a field of phenomena which it intends to study and exploit. The strength of the approach is evidenced in the technology it has developed, the material wealth it has amassed, and the way it has spread all over the globe as people of other civilizations have witnessed its successes and sought to emulate them. Its weakness is apparent in the way it abuses an environment which it regards as separate from itself. As a result the world has already become too small for it and it is forced to explore the possibility of expanding beyond it. The appearance of such a civilization on an Earth which is part of a spiritually conceived and directed universe cannot have been totally accidental, however. It cannot have been by pure chance that it was our civilization which objectively discovered first ♃, then ♄, and more recently ♅. Each of these planets is a key to an aspect of manifestation which it is clearly intended that we should now study objectively. ♄ is the most subtle key of all, the key to the way our own being operates subjectively. To study subjectivity objectively is a paradox, but then paradox is the essential nature of ♄. As we study ourselves we discover in typically Neptunian fashion that the knowledge we acquire stands us on our own heads, undermines objectivity, and shows us as in a mirror that what we are, and what all manifestation is, is simply the projection and reflection of Being itself. We are an indissoluble part of what we are studying. Ultimately we are studying ourselves.

Naturally the way in which we can learn the lesson that ♄ is teaching will itself be paradoxical. Because he is associated with the House above

⁵ Genesis I:28; 2:19-20.

the horizon rather than the one still below it, he is concerned with appearances, not underlying realities. The unenviable reputation he has acquired is that he is chiefly concerned with appearances that belie reality. However, not all appearances are necessarily false. The essential meaning of 'appearance' is simply the form in which we are able to perceive something. If it is a deceptive appearance this may mean either that it is not really a true appearance at all or alternatively that we are misinterpreting what we see. An *essentially* false appearance implies that there is also something false in the reality it is manifesting to us. This could be what Ψ is trying to make us realize, if we will only wake up and realize it.

What each of us personally cognates as the external world is actually the product of an interaction between that world and a projection of our own subconscious selves. We accept our own projection in the form in which it is reflected back to us after the interaction as being reality itself, whereas in actual fact of course it differs for each one of us. This is why the Hindus have always called it *Maia*⁶ and warned us not to accept it at face value. Remember that Ψ rules our *subconsciousness*, which, as we have seen, is paradoxically *above* the horizon. Everything outside the Ist House of the horoscope, every part of our experience that seems to us to happen exterior to and independent of ourselves, including the activities of other people, is perceived by us through the XIIth House and is therefore a part of *Maia*. This then is the world in which we attempt to exercise will. However, we do this not out of some detached choice but essentially because our interaction with it arouses desire in us. Hinduism advises us to kill out desire, though in a literal sense of course that is not possible. Desire is itself ultimately simply a manifestation of the life-force which is causing us to be and to experience. It is the Life-Drive. We simply have to understand and control what we are desiring, that is all, and neither *Maia* nor the desire it arouses are illusion, if by that we understand 'unreality.' They are the way that things appear to us and invite us to interact with them, through the cognitive processes developed for us by our subconscious minds in response to manifestation's own fundamental urge to be.



⁶ The word *Maia* is usually translated as 'illusion' but its literal meaning is simply 'appearance.' Appearances are only illusory when we forget they are the way in which an underlying reality is being presented to us from a particular point of view and take them for the reality itself.

Hinduism teaches that the manifested world is only there to teach us a lesson which we have to learn by seeing through it and transcending it. Christianity in the West has adopted a more moral approach which seems at first impression to attach much more importance to the things we actually do here, yet paradoxically when we look at the criteria which are applied to evaluate that importance we find that they too are not really concerned with the things themselves at all but only with a spiritual reality underlying them, exactly as in Hinduism. Today, however, ours is a scientific world which insists in an objective approach to reality as distinct from a religious one. The change-over to this approach coincided closely with the objective discovery of $\aleph$. But now we have also come to know Ψ objectively and, following on from that discovery, our new science of psychology has developed as our objective approach to the study of subjectivity. So Ψ himself is actually encouraging us to use the means by which we investigate and understand to understand what we are understanding, and the means by which we come to understand it!

Of all the planets Ψ is the most adept at undermining and rotting things from within. He does it in the material world whenever things decay, above all by means of dampness. He does it to our physical bodies by means of diseases like tuberculosis, "the subtle illness" as it is called in Italy. And on the spiritual level he will eat away at everything we believe in, discrediting heroes and heroines of today and yesterday by means of scandals and revelations and casting doubt even on the things we hold most sacred. Nevertheless it has been well said that "hypocrisy is really Evil's homage to Good," and similarly Ψ could not undermine if he did not at the same time hold before us some ideal to be contrasted with its faulty reality. We usually cannot brush aside the criticisms and insinuations he makes without appearing to others to be, and feeling within ourselves that we are, materialistic, self-seeking and untrue. This is the justification — perhaps even the true reason — he offers for undermining. If a true reality is to be appreciated and outwardly realized then a false reality must be shown up for what it is. We must bear this in mind when feeling at our most confused and disillusioned by him.



WHAT IS a typical Neptunian manifestation in the world we see about us?

It is tempting to reply "everything." Consider modern Western civilization. Most of us accept it as real enough to feel we ought to 'get on' in it but what exactly is the reality in it? What is the essence of it? It is often said that ♀ rules glamour and illusion and to a large extent that is true, but we must understand that there is a deeper connotation besides the superficial and obvious one. Isn't the *real essence* of almost the whole of life as we lead it today glamour and illusion? Aren't the promises made by politicians glamour and illusion? Aren't the TV epics and the advertisements and all the things we are supposed to buy or look like or keep up with glamour and illusion? Aren't we being tricked along by artificiality, falsehood and misrepresentation everywhere, all the time? Even the countryside and the hills and the sea have become only "natural amenities", financially calculable as adjuncts to the 'real estate', 'real assets' and liquid or frozen funds which combine to make up our bank balances, the only things we unquestionably accept as ultimate underlying realities in the world we live in. And since he is the ruler of the cognitive processes through which we come to know the world about us, ♀ may in a sense be said to have built up this whole edifice!

When we truly come to understand him, however, we may find he is actually the revealer of the reality in or behind it all. We must always remember that all the planets affect us and work in all of us all the time. Consequently it can sometimes be difficult to distinguish their separate effects, and particularly difficult in the case of a comparatively 'new' planet when we are not quite sure what his effects are. The method always used to sort out individual effects is of course to observe prominence and aspect strength in the horoscope together with the results of transits and directions. In this way the signature of all the 'new' planets have been searched for and to a large degree recognized.

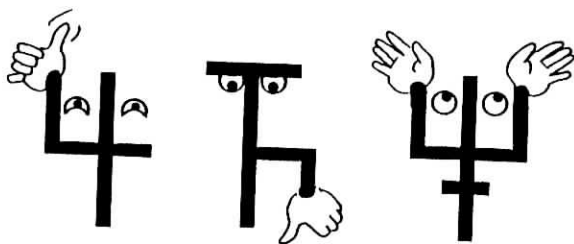
We can see how ♃ was associated with the scientific and political reactionary movements which made their appearance about the time he was discovered, at the end of the 18th Century.

♄ similarly has correlated with right-wingism and a new religious fanaticism which is becoming a serious problem in today's world. We now have to use these insights to recognize the more subtle day-by-day working everywhere around us. We may then perceive that ♄ has actually begun a process of rejection and overturning of the rational scientific world with all its materialistic values which in general, until very recently, almost everyone accepted as normal, self-evident and the only possible basis for a stable and secure society.

And ♄ too, in a sense, has also been undermining these values while at the same time, from another point of view, he was assisting to build them up and fostering belief in them and desire for them. His *type* of influence is different however. It is such an all-pervading influence that it is all too easy either to miss it altogether or, if one does see it, to see it everywhere like a fog and then be unable to pinpoint precisely what it is doing and what effects it is having.

Of course, in a way, this is what we should expect. If it represents the subconscious in ourselves and the collective unconscious in the world at large then it *will* be all-pervading. It must have some sort of finger in every pie everywhere. But we have to sort out just how to recognize the finger and distinguish it from the effects it is producing! We must look for a sort of "enriched Neptunium" which represents not merely the omnipresent, unrefined metal but the absolute quintessence of his nature.

Unfortunately whenever we try to define and pigeon-hole ♄ we always encounter quizzical perversity. He is like the proverbial woman (though with typical perversity he is of course male). He never says an outright "Yes" (like ♃) or "No" (like ♋). He says "Perhaps."



He rules whatever we believe in. When people fall out of love we say they "lost their illusions" about those they formerly loved. But what grounds do we really have for thinking that love is more illusory than the absence of love? Is there a genuinely real world, an objective world that exists independently of our idea of it? Or are subjective and objective much more closely inter-related than we ever suspected before ♄ was discovered? A truly separate, self-existing, objective world now seems to be an impossibility, a mere intellectual projection, the product of our own minds. Even that former doyen of objective sciences, modern physics, is coming to admit as much after discovering in more and more experiments that the experimenter herself is part of her experiment.

St. Paul tells us that the Devil is the ruler of this world.⁷ Who then is the Devil? In past times astrologers were strongly inclined to invest ♁, the Greater Malefic, with the doubtful honor. He was clearly the biggest nasty on the heavenly scene. As generally understood today, however, he is

⁷ 2 Corinthians 4:4. Ephesians 2:2 and 6:12.

usually regarded as just a thoroughly down-to-earth and objective chap, and times have changed. Recognition of the fact that the world we have to live in is not purely objective has also necessitated a re-think. The books and articles now appearing which describe Ψ as a friend that we need to come to terms with if we are ever to get anywhere and make concrete progress in life, illustrate today's trend. They go too far, but we admit now that our personal world is not least partly made up of our own preconceptions, prejudices, fears and hopes, together with our degree of knowledge or ignorance of the plain external facts of our situation.

Well then, is Ψ the Devil? He rules the processes by which we come to be fully informed of the world we live in, relaying our sense perceptions through subconsciousness to consciousness, and he also has a greater degree of control than any other planet over the techniques by means of which the publishing media, the advertisers, the politicians and the radio and TV proprietors come to control our conscious thinking. However, it is really just as fallacious to interpret the whole of life as subjective as it is to theorize like the psychologist B. F. Skinner and others have done and leave out the subjective altogether. There is a frequently heard exaggeration to the effect that *the whole* of life as we experience it is made up out of what we think. "Change your thinking and you change your life," we are told. It is true that we can change a great deal in our lives by thinking more positively, but not everything. We can make ourselves look younger but we cannot stay forever young. We cannot change our sex just by thinking masculine or feminine, as the case may be, nor convert desert into well-watered fertile land by thought *alone*. Both changes require objective activities as well. Jesus pointed this out when he asked his disciples "which of you by taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?"⁸ If anyone could have done it, surely He could.

The truth is that Ψ 's domain, though vast, does not actually cover the whole of reality, the whole of 'This World.' He is not even sole ruler even of the entire subjective world. This is also the province of the $\mathcal{D}$, as we have seen, and in a very real sense she is actually primary ruler of it. Ψ is really only the prime *operator* in the field, and mainly as a colorist. We must realize first of all that the subjective world is simply the complement of the objective world. Even as a concept the subjective cannot exist without the objective. One implies the other. Thus for us personally, *our* subjective world is our personal experience of objectivity, including the concept we have of our own selves. Consciousness is a



⁸ Luke 12:25.

kind of reflective medium between objective and subjective. When we reflect inwardly our subjective self or subconsciousness reflects the objective world, thus the objective reflects the subjective. In this sense all of the man-made world we live in is a reflection of ideas held in subjectivity. And accurate mirror-reflecting of the outside world so that our minds can come to grips with it, work on it, and eventually bring about modifications of it is exclusively a Ψ function.⁹

What Ψ rules is the interpretation we place upon our reflection of the objective world as a consequence of perspective and coloring. When we define and circumscribe his sphere of operations in this way we can begin to come to grips with him. Within these limits, however, his power is really simply enormous and we must never underestimate it. He has us both ways since he is both the illusionist and the idealist.

TO DEMONSTRATE the truth of what I have just asserted I propose to cite some concrete examples, but first one more preliminary explanation. I have already suggested elsewhere¹⁰ that all the planets really behave very much more in the way the Gods are described as doing in classical myths of Rome, Greece, Babylon, etc. than as anonymous impersonal forces, which it is today's fashion in astrological circles to suppose they are. I believe the universe we live in is one of omnipresent will, intention and purpose and not just a vast inexorable chemical process into which we alone are a paradoxical intrusion with our self-consciousness and real or imagined ability to cause changes in the course of events. In actual fact the 'impersonal forces' idea is merely a carry over into this century of the mechanistic mode of thinking characteristic of 19th Century materialistic science. It has been an anachronism ever since our century first began to realize that the processes it was observing could not really be isolated from the observers themselves. Astrologers, along with theologians, biologists, philosophers, and indeed most other people, did homage to science by adopting their mode of thinking because they were

⁹ The Kabbalists developed a profound and illuminating model of the relationship between Objective and Subjective worlds. The world we are conscious of while we are awake and have our eyes open they called the Kingdom (Malkuth). Here the Sun, Malek, the King, is ruler, for waking consciousness is associated with the day as subconsciousness is with the night. But the physical sun we see is not the fullness of the Sun. The latter's true sphere is within, where he presides over direct understanding and illumination, and his "Crown" is spiritual perception, an even more esoteric experience. Nevertheless, the external world we know is still his genuine domain because it is a reflection of reality through the medium of the subjective world. This latter is said to be the sphere of the Moon and is called Yesod, Foundation, because the objective world is built on it.

¹⁰ Cf. my articles on $\bar{\imath}$, "The Greater Malefic," in *Considerations* V:3 and on Minos, "That Trans-Neptunian Planet," in *Considerations* X:2.

in awe of science's material achievements. All of their disciplines have suffered distortion to a greater or lesser degree as a result, and none more so than astrology which is properly the explicit study of will and purpose manifested in the universe both macroscopically and microscopically. Mechanistic impersonal thinking has no place here at all. The secret of really good astrology is and always has been a matter of coming to understand each planet and other significator as one comes to understand people. Only then can one gauge the possible way they can behave and characteristically interact in different configurations and combinations. Never, never has it been possible to work this out mathematically by calculating vectors applied by one force of such and such a strength upon a different one at a particular angle in a specific resistant or non-resistant medium, etc., as the "force" theory really requires. No astrologer ever really tries to do that, of course. But then why pay lip-service to a theory which implies that it is the right thing to do?

Classical mythology speaks of very definite wars which occurred between the Gods in Heaven in distant times past. More recently however, though still before the "new" outer planets were objectively discovered, it was as though a kind of mutually recognized delimitation of spheres of influence was arrived at and agreed upon between them. They still elbowed one another and bared their teeth, and ♃ and ♂ might perhaps afflict a favorite of ♀ or ♀ with a club-foot or a scar on the face, but there was no longer really any question of an outright struggle to be top-dog. But now it is all changed. With the outer planets becoming successively known to us one after another, the *de facto* equilibrium seems to have broken down. Industrial and political revolutions have completely transformed our planet sociologically and ecologically over the past 200 years; and the struggles for power we have witnessed here on earth seem to have reflected a similar struggle for primacy among the planets. The 'old' planets, particularly the malefics, have perceived opportunities to gain advantages by means of alliances with the 'new.' One obvious result for us has been that the scientific advances and new ideas for the organization of society introduced by ♄ have not ushered in the expected golden age. Instead we have a world of violence and brutal coercion, accompanied by general insecurity and, of late, a very real fear of total destruction since today ♀'s fanaticism is demonstrably worsening the already dangerous situation. And what of ♄?

♄'s characteristic mode of participation has from the first been founded on an entirely different concept of reality from that of either ♄



or E. Consequently the priorities and the areas in which he has chosen to interfere and exercise an influence have not been the same as theirs. Nor has he ever directly sought to bring about objective changes in society or in the physical world. Indirectly, it is true, in alliance with X he has assisted with these things by adding an aura of idealism to socialistic scientific progress which has certainly facilitated its advance. And X no doubt found this very useful and may even have thought Ψ was genuinely idealistic and doing it all out of the goodness of his heart, or because he truly believed in the real value of his changes and reforms. Much more probably, however, he was taking advantage of the opportunity offered to infiltrate his own presence into the scene without being too obviously identified as the chief actor. The cleverest operators are always those who let others do the hard work in the public eye while knowing just how to wrap up the whole operation their way when it comes to the final show-down so that they can walk away with the big pay-off.

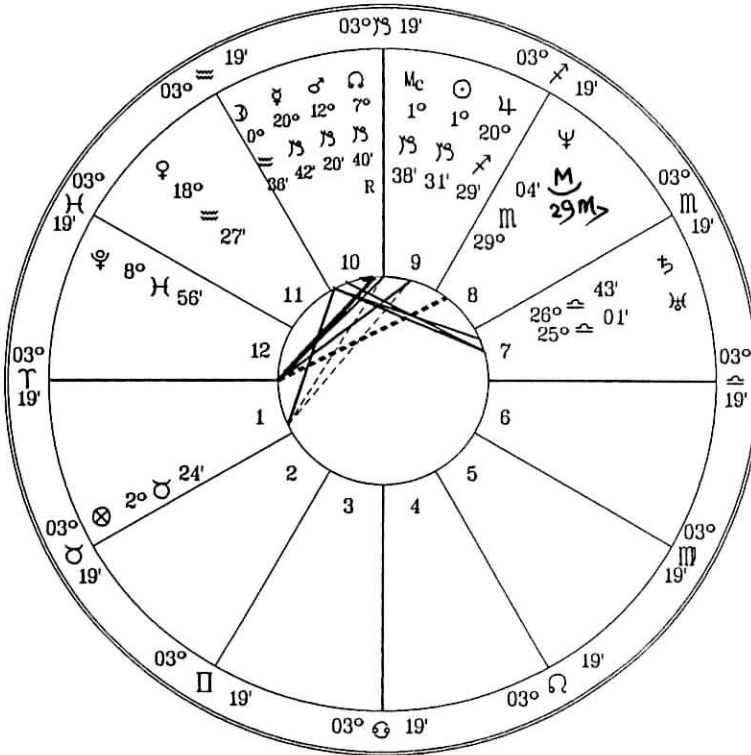
PERHAPS no one thought anything very important was happening when Ψ began to influence us precisely in the area where he can directly exercise his greatest power, about a quarter of a century before his position was calculated and confirmed.¹¹ During the night of September 21st, 1823, near the village of Manchester in Ontario County, New York, a young farming lad named Joseph Smith received an apparently supernatural visit from a being who called himself the angel Moroni. Suddenly appearing in his room as a radiant presence surrounded by an aura of light, Moroni called Joseph by name and told him he had a work to do for God. Buried nearby, he said, was a book written on gold plates. It contained proof that the early Indian inhabitants of America were line-

¹¹ Pre-discovery activity has been a regular phenomenon with all the 'new' planets, strongly suggesting they either engineered their own discoveries or at the very least knew these were about to take place. The political revolution in France, which followed the discovery of X, had been in preparation for at least forty years beforehand in intellectual groups who were stirring up a ferment all over Europe. The revolt of the North American colonies from British rule — a highly un-traditional development — had even broken out in 1776, before his discovery. Similarly, E's anti-rational fanaticism, which first burst forth openly when Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933, three years after he was discovered, had been building up in Europe since the turn of the century and with accelerated intensity since the end of the 1st World War. Probably it even had roots dating back to the last 10 or 15 years of the 19th Century in quasi-religious and esoteric groups which first began to be active then. The Thule group, an occult branch of Nazism, active in the nineteen-twenties and thirties, bore a distinct family resemblance to late 19th century occult movements like the Society of the Golden Dawn (founded in England in 1886), the Rudolf Steiner movement, and Madame Blavatsky's Theosophy with its central doctrine of the five successive root races of humanity with a sixth higher one just now appearing. One cannot help having a suspicion that some if not all of these were really attempts by E to organize a power-base, camouflaged behind the conventional smoke screen of Neptunian mysticism.

Fig. 1:

Joseph Smith

December 23, 1805. Sharon, Vermont: 43N47, 72W26.
Planets at Noon.



arly descended from the Children of Israel. He must go to the place and dig up the book and then translate it with the aid of the Biblical oracle called Urim and Thummin which was buried with it. It was then to be published to the world.

In 1830 it was published as the Book of Mormon and upon it was founded the Mormon church, the first sect of Christianity since Biblical times to base itself on an entirely new revelation and survive. For the next seventy years, till the end of the century, opposition and persecution from both religious and civil establishments continually threatened to suppress it; but nevertheless it prospered. Joseph Smith himself developed a Moses-like faculty to act as a direct channel of revelation, transmitting God's express directions on disputed questions of doctrine and church government and also adjudicating or advising on personal problems whenever these became urgent issues among church members. Frequent moves were forced on the church itself as a result of the persecutions with resultant hardship for all concerned, many falling ill while they traveled. Here once

again Joseph rose to the occasion by manifesting a miraculous gift of healing which further cemented loyalty both to him and to the church's teachings.

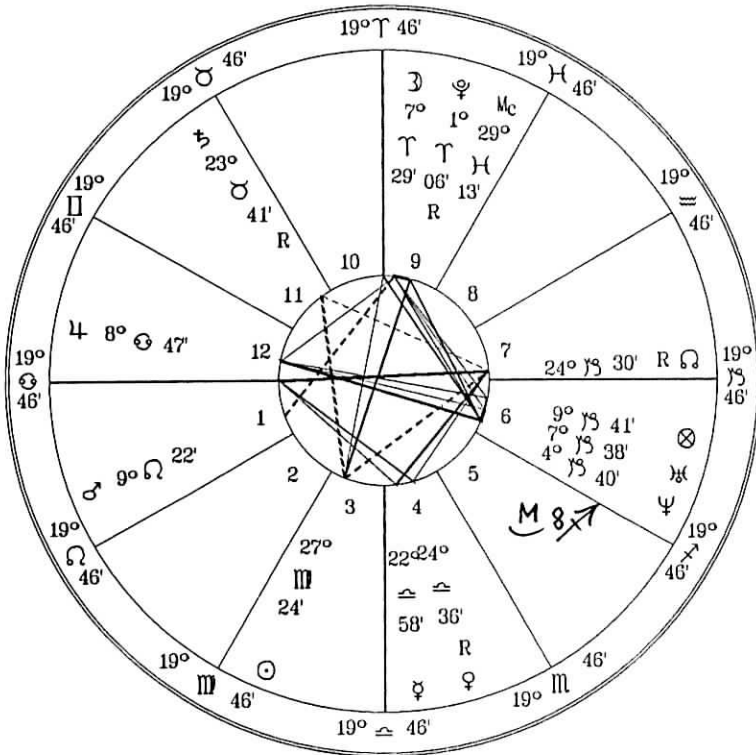
On June 27th, 1844, there occurred the martyrdom which effectively put the seal of immortality on Joseph's church. He and his brother Hyrum were assassinated at Carthage, Illinois, in a mob lynching which was intended to put an end to Mormonism for good and all. Instead church leadership was taken over by an equally determined successor, Brigham Young, who also inherited the gift of direct revelation. He led the Mormons in a migration right across North America to Utah in the Rockies, then an uninhabited semi-desert region of sage brush, to find a place where they could live and worship in safety. They settled there and transformed the desert into a thriving state. Today Mormonism is a world religion.¹²

What was really behind all of this? The exact birth time of Joseph Smith is not recorded but he was born on December 23rd, 1805 at Sharon in Windsor County in the State of Vermont, on which day two major conjunctions were within 1° of exactness, viz.: ♄ ♂ ♃ and ♀ ♂ ♋. Thousands of other children were also born under the same conjunctions but, as Dennis Elwell pointed out in a controversy with John Addey, published in the *Journal of the British Astrological Association* in the early 1970's, astrological principles function more in the manner of Jungian archetypes than as influences which can always be revealed by numbers and statistics. Consequently one case which may perfectly express the meaning of a configuration is more significant and, in a sense, more *astrologically true* than a hundred others which miss it or only express it vaguely or imperfectly. Throughout history notable figures in every conceivable field have had charts which very closely resembled those of innumerable other people who never achieved anything out of the ordinary. Each of these others dutifully expressed some partial aspect of his or her chart, but only the genius brought through its archetypal power. And so it was with Joseph Smith.

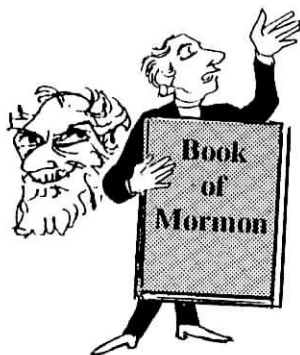
¹² In my article on ♄, "The God of the Underworld in His Own Home," published in *Considerations* IV:2, I described the rise of the Jehovah's Witness movement in Germany in the 25 years preceding the planet's discovery. To forestall a possible grave misunderstanding based on the apparent parallel with the rise of Mormonism described above, it is necessary to point out that in the case of ♀ and the Mormons we have the beginning of a genuinely new religion. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society on the other hand, as it developed under Plutonian influences in Germany in the pre-Hitler period, was simply the formation of a central organization which came to be able to exert directing power over previously completely independent and unorganized Christian study groups, and which eventually began to dictate to these its own interpretation of points of doctrine. No new revelation was ever involved or claimed. The religion itself was already there.

Fig. 2:

Moroni's Appearance
 September 21, 1823. Manchester, NY: 42N59, 77W11.
 Planets at midnight (24:00)



♄ or ♃ reflected his birth during the period of wars and upheavals which followed on from the French revolution, when the ancient aristocratic political and social order was giving place to the world we are now familiar with. Joseph both experienced this ferment and, in his own way, contributed to it. More significant however is the conjunction involving ♄. ♄ or ♃ describes only our objective status in the world and what we think. ♄ decrees what we are able to perceive of the world and what we *believe*. In typical Neptunian fashion, no unanimity of opinion has ever existed over the correct status to be accorded to Joseph Smith and his claims. There were those quite early on who stated that the Book of Mormon was really written as a fantasy novel by a friend of Joseph's, that it came improperly into his hands, and that he then issued it fraudulently as a revealed Holy Book. Even if outward fraud of this nature is discounted internal evidence within the book itself seems to argue against its authenticity. Its style is a turgid parody of the King James translation of the Bible



and the occurrence in the narrative of direct references to Jesus Christ (mentioned by name) in Old Testament contexts aroused suspicion, to say the least. Moreover some of Joseph Smith's own inspired revelations, particularly that advocating polygamy within the church, have always caused raised eyebrows. Yet if it was all a hoax who was really the hoaxer, and for what purpose? A completely dishonest person would surely not have shown the leadership qualities and

fortitude under persecution nor the healing gift which abundant unimpeachable witness testimony proves that Joseph Smith really did possess. Yet he said that God the Father and God the Son both appeared to him personally, together, and that they informed him they had bodies of flesh and bones and that they lived on a material planet which was called Kolob! Were they kidding?

Of course strange, almost unbelievable, happenings are to a large extent the stuff of which all religions are made. Many — perhaps most — of the happenings recorded in the Old and New Testaments of our generally received Bible would be regarded as unbelievable if they were stated to have happened today or last week. Undoubtedly this is why most Christian theologians now state that the age of miracles has passed. They were performed or allowed by God at a particular time to establish the faith but today no more signs and wonders occur. That is what the skeptical preachers and ministers told Joseph Smith when he told them of his experiences. But if wonders can happen at all there is clearly no *a priori* reason why they shouldn't happen today as easily as yesterday, and to many people a church vivified by on-going revelation is more attractive than one possessing no more than a record of events which happened eighteen centuries or more ago. So Mormonism prospered.

One tell-tale clue to where it might all be coming from is the fact that the Book of Mormon was not the only new Bible to appear in the course of the 19th Century. There were several others. After Ψ's discovery a New York dentist began to receive telepathic communications from a spirit being who eventually dictated a book to him called *OAHSPE*, the Kosmon Bible. It is approximately as long as our own conventional Old and New Testaments together. Parts of it consist of strings of numbers and are not easily comprehensible but other sections are long accounts of the coming of cosmic space ships and are about as exciting as Star Wars. However telepathic communications are not as convincing to the general public as

books written on gold plates and dug up under stones, so the Fo'thrist religion (as followers of the Kosmon revelation call their faith) has not caught on like Mormonism. Nevertheless, Fo'thists are numerous enough to be able to undertake regular expensive reprintings of their Bible in order to make it continuously available, and the phenomenon of its existence, along with many others less well-known, in Europe as well as in America, testifies to the fact that over the past century and a half something new and creative which is very interested in our motives for belief has been working amongst us.

Ψ WAS NOT in the least discouraged by the very limited impact of his Kosmon Bible. On the evening of Friday, March 31st, 1848, just 1½ years after Galle first sighted him, a family by the name of Fox suddenly began to hear rappings in their house at Hyndsville, New York. Those present were the parents, John and Margaret Fox, and their two daughters, Margaret, about 15 years old, and Kate, aged 11. The noise had not ceased by the time the two girls went to bed, though no explanation for it had been found, and they lay listening to it for a long time, unable to sleep.

Eventually Margaret wondered whether whoever was tapping would answer her if she snapped her fingers at it. She did so in the dark and immediately the rapper responded with exactly the same number of raps. Kate then followed suit, snapping her fingers four times and the response was exactly four raps. Mrs. Fox now entered the room and skeptically asked the rapper to rap out the ages of all her children. To her astonishment it correctly gave the ages of all seven who were then living, with an appropriate pause between each one, and then went on to give those of three more who had died in infancy.

From the beginning a full-scale coded communication began between the two young girls and the newcomer to the household. By agreeing beforehand on one rap for A, two for B, etc., it was possible to receive long messages, and in this way the rapper was able to tell them he was the ghost of a lodger who had been murdered in the house some time before when other people lived there. Rather as had happened with Joseph Smith, moreover, the two girls themselves began to develop powers of their own. News of what was happening in the household soon got around in the neighborhood and very soon they were being invited to big houses round about, first of all just to talk but then later on to demonstrate their own abilities to communicate directly with the spirits of dead relatives of those they were visiting. And then it snowballed. The

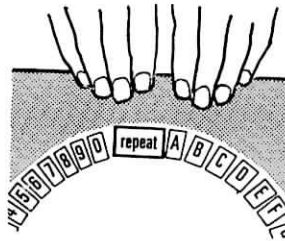


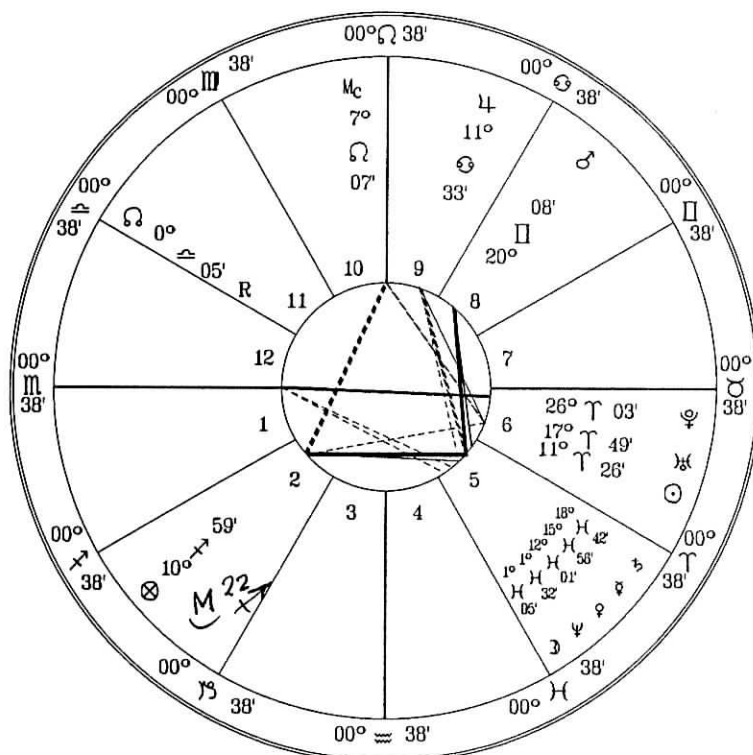
Fig. 3:

Start of Modern Spiritualism

Rappings in the Fox household

Friday evening, March 31, 1848. Hyndsville, NY: 42N41, 74W29

Planets at 8 p.m.



news spread like wildfire all over the country and everywhere people started sitting beside tables, to see them move and tap out messages, or hold pens which began to write automatically, or allowed spirits to speak directly through their vocal chords. Actual physical manifestations of spirit beings occurred and material objects and plants or out-of-season flowers from distant parts of the world were brought into seance rooms. It was as though the whole nation had been tense and poised, waiting for something like this, and it only needed the press of a trigger to set it all off. Nor was it confined to North America. The whole of Europe and European Russia rapidly followed suit. In Catholic South America the response was initially slower, but then through the influence of a Catholic Spiritualist named Allen Kardec it suddenly took hold, uniting with indigenous magical and spiritist beliefs of the native Indian peoples and imported African slaves, and sinking all the more deeply and widely into the national consciousness because it met with less intellectual and scientific

resistance than in the Uranian environments of North America and Europe.

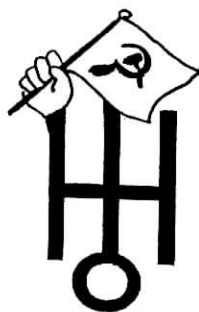
The religion of Spiritualism had been born, and initially it was a ranker growth than Mormonism. Once again we have no exact birthtime but the planetary positions for that evening of March 31st, 1848, appropriately show ♃, ♀, ♀, ♀ and ♄ all in ♀'s Sign ♎. But this religion was based on no book. It was something anyone could try for himself or herself. Thus the ♃ was exactly ♂ ♀, and the ☉, ♁ and ☿ were all in independent, do-it-yourself ♎. As is always the case with ♀, however, no final proof was ever forthcoming, either of the facts of the Fox case which started it all off or of the wider claims of the religion of Spiritualism in general. Fifty years after the Fox sisters' communicator told them he was the ghost of someone who had been murdered a skeleton was dug up in the house, but in the meantime the sisters had confessed that their original story and all the subsequent performances were a hoax and then added confusion by retracting the confession. Very probably the original confession was made to put an end to the pressure of continual skeptical questioning, but then of course as soon as it was made the believers would have begun questioning....

After the confession and retraction the skeptics believed the confession and the believers believed that undue pressure had brought it about. The new religion meanwhile continued to grow but with scientific skeptics turning their backs on it. The standards of evidence required were consequently not usually very exacting. Whenever there were serious investigations cases of fraud were frequently brought to light. The scientific establishment which had always argued that the whole thing was impossible anyway, generalized from these cases to the conclusion that all cases were fraudulent. Among those disposed to be believers, on the other hand, there was a rapid development of a new belief-frame or myth — that there is a place to which we all go immediately after death, without any Divine Judgment or weeding out of the sinners from the saved, and that from there we can communicate quite easily with those still living through mediums and sensitives. It doesn't matter that Science rejected it while orthodox religion picked holes in its theology and suspected it was all a demonic deception. Large numbers of recently bereaved people, including quite a percentage of educated ones and even a few scientists, were convinced by messages they received and became believers.

Just like Mormonism, Spiritualism has become a world religion. The number of firmly committed adherents may have declined somewhat since the initial explosion, and world-class mediums have become rarer, but a quite strong though undefined belief in the possibility of communication with the dead without the need for the moderation of priests or any other

assistance from organized religion, and despite all the pronouncements of materialistic science, has certainly sunk into the general human consciousness. Thus one more effective mole-tunnel exists undermining both intellectual science and formalized intellectual religion. The two exact squares in the Hyndsville chart, i.e. from σ^7 in Π to $\mathfrak{h}$ in $\mathfrak{K}$ and from $\mathfrak{y}$ in $\mathfrak{Q}$ to the $\odot$ in $\mathfrak{T}$, probably illustrate this position, although they also testify to the very shaky and untestable foundation on which the whole edifice of Spiritualism itself is raised.

ALL THROUGH the 19th Century a new world was slowly establishing itself in place of an old. A world of traditional technology, traditional political forms, traditional religious beliefs and traditional links with the land was dissolving or breaking down and then being radically re-made in a new mold. Uranian science was taking the place of religion as the arbiter of thought and opinion. Uranian political theories and political forces were limiting the powers of kings and aristocrats or sweeping them away altogether and replacing them with Aquarian mathematically-selected legislatures and executive bodies with mathematically-defined powers and responsibilities. A static agrarian society, based on a static agrarian economy, was being replaced by a dynamic urban society based on a dynamic commercial and industrial economy. It had begun in Europe and America but the whole Earth was affected because Europe and America were colonizing or economically exploiting the entire world. The pace was continually accelerating. And then suddenly in August 1914 an explosion came. All the economic, sociological, psychological and technological tensions which had been building up suddenly erupted into war. It was the worst war that had ever been known, a war involving not just armies but whole populations, employing technological weapons of a destructiveness never before dreamed of. It consumed the European nations like a raging city fire out of control. But somehow $\mathfrak{K}$ still profited from it. In its third year there occurred the collapse of the one great nation which had till then, despite modern pressures, preserved its links with the



past and maintained its traditional agrarian society and aristocratic form of government more or less intact. The Russian Revolution began in March 1917 and in November of that year the Bolshevik Communist Party definitively assumed control. $\mathfrak{K}$ was top dog in the largest single state on Earth.

Was it therefore intended as a warning to $\mathfrak{K}$ when Ψ gave a mass demonstration of his own very different mode of exercising power in October of the very same year? Ψ knew well enough that $\mathfrak{K}$ could never have achieved the success he had pulled off

without the admixture of idealism, subversion and misleading propaganda which had been his own contribution to the Russian debacle. Now he was going to prove that something else potentially just as big if not bigger could be achieved without the aid of science — in fact without the aid of anything beyond what ♀ could provide on his own. He chose one of the smallest and certainly the poorest and most backward nation in Europe for his experiment. It was to be a full scale return to the Age of Miracles.

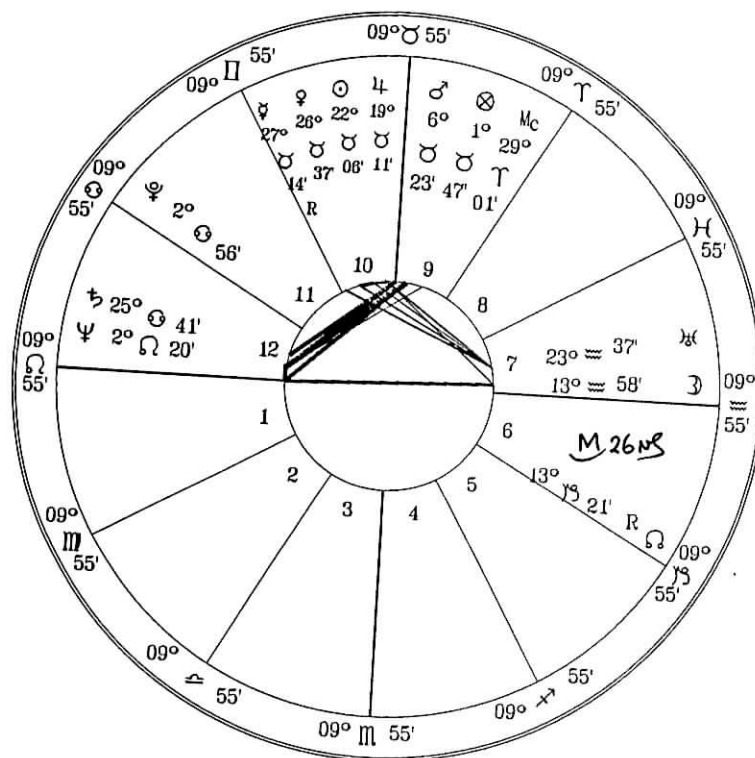
By far the best authenticated miracle of the 20th Century and possibly of any century occurred in a field just outside the village of Fátima, a little over sixty miles north of Lisbon, in Portugal, on October 13th, 1917. Over 70,000 people witnessed it and they were not exclusively religious mystics or fanatics but a very large, completely representative body of Portuguese people from all walks of life. There were religious people there, but also atheists and reporters from a socialist newspaper. Press photographs of them are still extant, graphically revealing their perplexity as they watched the phenomenon.

It had all begun exactly five months earlier in a manner irresistibly recalling the annunciation chapters of the Gospel of St. Luke. On May 13th three children were collecting their sheep at noon in the Cova da Iria, a circular, bowl-shaped area 2½ kilometers from Fátima, when they saw a flash in the heavens. A few minutes later a wonderful, bright figure in a dress as white as snow, which was tied around her neck with a gold band, and a white veil with a golden edge covering her head appeared near a small oak tree. She looked young and kind and loving and began to talk to them about themselves and about Portugal and about the world. They must be good and believe in the Holy Church, she said. Great troubles were coming on the world. The present war would end and be succeeded by another one. Evil men would assume power, even within the Church itself. Before the century came to an end the last Pope would be elected, whose name would be Peter, like the first. And there were other things she said which Lucia, the eldest child, was to tell the Holy Father but which were not to be made publicly known till much later. As a sign that all would be fulfilled, however, the younger two children would soon be taken, but they would go to heaven.

Not all of this was imparted at the very first meeting. On the 13th of each successive month the lady reappeared. On the 13th of July (the third occasion) she prophesied that on October 13th the great miracle would be performed which would convince everybody.

The children naturally spoke about what was happening but clergymen and other authorities who were informed of the meetings were initially hostile. There were suggestions that the children were being tempted by the devil and feelings rose to such a pitch that they were even put in jail for a few days. However, at the fifth meeting on September 13th several

Fig. 4: **First appearance of the Lady of Fátima**
Noon LT (11:00 a.m. GMT), May 13, 1917. 39N37, 8W39.



people came to witness what was happening. They saw "a sphere of light" which preceded the Virgin's arrival. The Reverend General Vicar of Leiria, one of those present, said it was an immense globe flying westwards at moderate speed, irradiating a very bright light. Some of them saw a white being coming out of it. While she was with the children they could hear her conversing with them but could not see her nor distinguish her words. It was enough to spread conviction however. A huge crowd was assured for October 13th.

Professor Almeida Garrett, a scientist from Coimbra University, Portugal, described what happened on that date. It was a day of heavy continuous rain and the crowd had stood for hours waiting. All were soaked, with water trickling down their clothes, and some were beginning to think of going. Then at noon precisely it suddenly seemed that the sun shone through the dense cloud. Everybody looked in its direction. It looked like a disc of very definite contour and it possessed a clear changing brightness which one could compare to a pearl. It looked like a polished wheel. Then

suddenly it began to turn. It rotated with increasing speed and suddenly the crowd began crying with anguish. The "sun", revolving all the time, began falling towards the Earth, reddish and bloody, threatening to crush everybody under its fiery weight. A wave of heat was felt which dried all the wet clothes in moments.

The youngest of the three children, a boy, died within a year and the younger sister also died a year or two later. Lucia, the eldest, entered a Spanish convent.

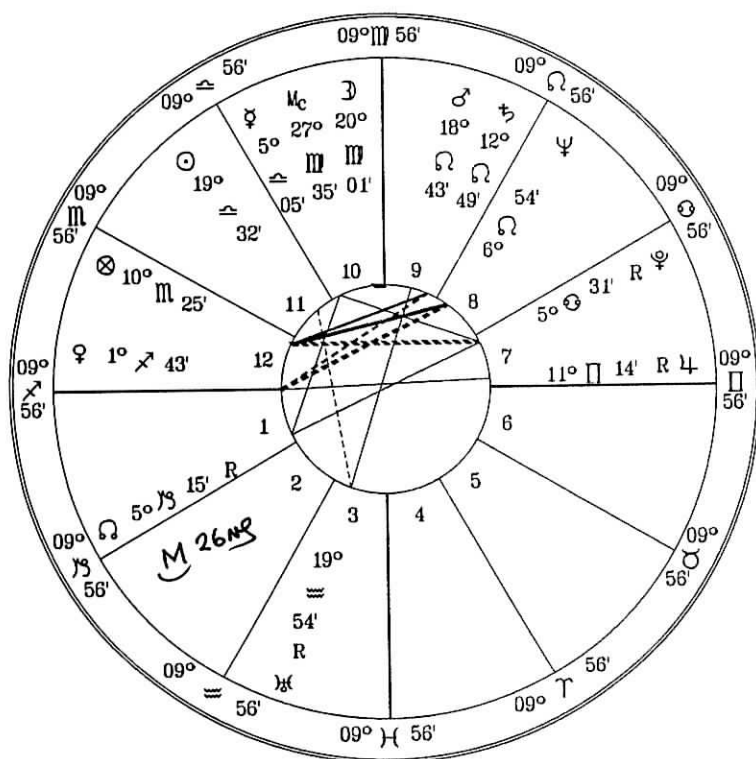
What had really happened? Once again ambiguity prevails. The Roman Catholic Church has authenticated a miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary. Certainly it was no everyday event. It was not an 'atmospheric phenomenon', nor a misinterpretation of an ordinary human encounter. The appearance of the lady was witnessed by others besides the children though they alone saw her face to face and conversed with her. She made predictions, some of which have been fulfilled. 70,000 people saw the revolving wheel and felt it dry their clothes in seconds. That certainly was no Allied or German airplane or airship. But was the lady really the Virgin Mary as the children thought she was and as she implied to them she was? The contact and the things she said were unquestionably directed at human religious belief — specifically at Christian belief — but was she the Virgin Mary bringing comfort and reassurance at a time when atheism and the forces of anti-religion were achieving their greatest triumph in Russia? Or was it all a mocking gesture — a demonstration that all our beliefs can be manipulated and that we are at the mercy of whatever force is able to appear to us in the forms in which we expect a spiritual manifestation to appear? The horoscope for the time when the lady first contacted the children is fairly reliable and that for the miracle itself is fortunately precisely reliable. In my opinion neither chart is truly suggestive of a genuine spiritual occurrence.

The one for May 13th shows Ψ rising in Ω , 7° above the Ascendant, in his own natural House, the XIIth. Here he is at his strongest psychically, while in Ω he is of course also powerful as a planner and organizer. The chart is dominated by a Xth House satellitium of five planets in $\mathcal{O}$, led by σ , the MC ruler, and including the $\odot$, the Ascendant ruler. By equal-House division, σ is just into the IXth House, the religious House, conjoining $\oplus$ there, also in $\mathcal{O}$, but his main influence is in the Xth since he is only 3° from the Xth cusp. [By Placidus division, both he and $\oplus$ are in the Xth, along with all the rest of the $\mathcal{O}$ satellitium] Clearly therefore what is happening is about as down-to-earth as it possibly can be and is mainly concerned with achieving credit, status and reputation. The equal-house position of the MC, $\oplus$ and the MC-ruler in the IXth suggests the deliberate use of religion for these purposes, mustering the Holy Father ($\Uparrow$) to

Fig. 5:

The Miracle of Fátima

Noon LT (11:00 a.m. GMT), October 13, 1917. 39N37, 8W39



authenticate the miracle after the children have passed on confidential prophecies to him (♀ and ♀).

The miracle chart must be read with the first chart still in mind. It is noteworthy that ♀ (standing I think for both the children and the lady) is in exactly the same XIIth House position just above the Ascendant that Ψ occupied in the earlier chart. However, Ψ himself is here directly involved in a ♀ satellitium with ♂ and ♀, the three of them straddling the IXth cusp, by equal-House. Clearly he is going to pull something out of the hat himself. The combination exactly describes what occurred — a religious miracle with everything carefully set up so that a large crowd would be present on the prearranged day (♀), to see a hot blood-red sphere (♂) plunge towards the Earth, threatening to crush everyone beneath its weight (♀). ⊕ is in the XIIth House now, for really the earlier meetings have already satisfactorily achieved the credit and status which was their objective. The miracle will be authenticated as the appearance of the Virgin, not as the paranormal drying of 70,000 people's wet clothes. That achieve-

ment is to be merely the final clapping of the hands, so to speak, signifying that it is all over. The secret has now to be kept. Everything must remain in the realm of the mystical and the mysterious.

It was a great success — but was it quite as great a success as ♀ may really have hoped? It is interesting to note how strong ♂ is in both charts. He is not on angles it is true (this was ♀'s show), but he is very strong by Sign and he throws adverse aspects to what is going on. In the May chart he is in the VIIth in his own Sign ♎, ☐ ♃, ☉, ♀ and ♄ in the Xth in ♈, and also ♄ ♃ in the XIIth in ♎.

♀ and ♂ had been allies. Was this a hint that if they were to fall out now, scientific methods of investigation (including a scientific psychological study of the unconscious) might reveal a lot about the *modus operandi* of what was going on? In the chart for the miracle itself he is in the IIIrd, still in ♎, one degree from being exactly ♄ ♂ in the IXth and exactly ♄ ♀ in the Xth. Clearly this is not going to be just another miracle which is accepted as such and that is that. People are going to think about it and publicize what they think. Neptunianism has entered the objective world, whether ♀ himself likes that fact or not.

But note that exact ☊ from ♂ to the ☉ in ♎ in the XIth. Perhaps after all he and ♀ will find it mutually advantageous not to quarrel but to continue to cooperate, for a while at least. Later on a different alliance, one with a planetary principle which can bring fanatical intensity to bear on any belief with which it chooses to become identified, may be more advantageous because more in tune with ♀'s essential Water emphasis. But in 1917 it was not yet fully ♄'s time, and in these charts he is weakly placed and aspected.

REALLY the ♂-♀ alliance has played a significant part in shaping world history over the past two centuries. Right from the very first moment that ♂ began to work openly towards his New Age scientific concept of how society should be organized and governed, even before the French Revolution broke out, ♀ was assisting him and camouflaging him with an aura of idealism. The roscate dreams of the Encyclopaedists, headed by Voltaire, and the idyllic picture of the world brotherhood enthusiastically believed in, debated and schemed for in the Masonic lodges throughout Europe, beginning in the 1720's and building up to fever-pitch in the decade before the revolution, were certainly Uranian ideas, but the manner of their presentation and the settings in which they were discussed were Neptunian. And the same pattern persisted throughout the 19th Century. The brutalities, terrorist tactics and mass executions which invariably accompanied or followed each new Uranian bid for power (as they still do to this day), were just as invariably glossed over and quickly

forgotten, as 'inspired' writers continually poured forth ever more articles and pamphlets promising ever more pie in the sky.

The advantage to $\mathbb{X}$ was of course clear, and Ψ too was asserting his presence and getting his hand in, as it were. And no doubt he also genuinely enjoyed the subversion and ruin of established institutions like the monarchy, church and aristocracy which any planet with ideas of asserting his own control eventually would want out of the way, since they operated to protect humanity *en masse* from being influenced and manipulated directly. But an alliance is rarely explicit and definite on one hand and implicit and indefinite on the other. Ψ too must have stipulated outright for something he needed that $\mathbb{X}$ could provide. What was it?

In one very important sense Ψ is rather like $\mathfrak{F}$. The ideas that $\mathfrak{F}$ plays with and transmits to us are never his own, though without his adroitness in formulating and expressing them we would never get to know they existed at all. Similarly, although Ψ presents us with social and religious beliefs and even scientific ideas in an infinite variety of different colorings, the seed ideas behind most of these things did not originally come from him. He is the final arbiter of the point of view from which we shall see things and the guise in which we shall see them, but for the things themselves he has to depend on planets who actually believe in these things and in the way people should latch onto them. Now if the new world in which $\mathbb{X}$ would be explicit top dog was to be a technological world, then beliefs would need to be technological too. The old religions, all over the globe, were obviously going to be phased out, but one cannot have a world without beliefs of some sort. Men (and women) instinctively look for something beyond themselves to reach out to. Idealism and self-sacrifice cannot effectively be stimulated for long by nothing more than promises of modern houses with hot and cold water in the bathrooms and an equal franchise for all. But in the new world, where the traditional ideas of Heaven and Hell with God on His throne and the Devil down below were beginning to sound outmoded, appropriate new concepts were needed. $\mathbb{X}$ would have to supply them. What about a technological myth?

Yes, sure enough, there is a tell-tale thread of Uranianism intertwined with the Neptunian weave in every new revelation or mystical movement produced by Ψ from the time of the Mormons onwards. Joseph Smith was told by God and His Son in person that they were not just airy-fairy spiritual beings. They had bodies of flesh and bone and lived on the planet called Kolob. Moreover human beings were not conceived out of nothing just to live one life in rags or riches here on Earth and then be sent on to an eternity of bliss or torment somewhere else. They had lived beforehand in a pretty down-to-earth kind of spirit world, very like this present world, and after this life they would return to it and be reunited with those they

had loved on Earth — an idea almost identical with the Spiritualist concept of the *Summerland*.

The Spiritualists have taken the matter further, however. They are able to provide first-hand accounts of the place given to us by communicators through mediums. The identity with the world we know and are accustomed to is indeed striking. Not only are there flowers and trees and birds and blue skies (the only difference noted in these is that their coloring is more intense), but there are also modern houses to live in, with modern bathrooms, lovely clothes to wear, and (if you happen to be a smoker) choice tobacco to smoke. Not surprisingly it is very hard to convince a lot of people when they first arrive that they have actually died and 'passed over'. The main difference is that it is not any longer necessary to work endless hours at hard or disagreeable tasks in order to enjoy these things. At a certain level or plane all one needs to do is think of them and they will be there — a thoroughly Uranian improvement.

Even more explicitly technological is the Kosmon Bible with its fleets of cosmic space ships. This was a revelation, not science fiction, but science fiction too was just beginning to come into being at the same period, for it was natural for the human creative imagination to respond in the fantasy field as well as prophetically to the waves of technological inspiration being newly broadcast to it. Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon* appeared almost in the same year as the Kosmon Bible, imaginatively stretching the technology of the time to the furthest limits to suggest how a Moon trip might actually be accomplished.

And then there was the miracle of Fatima. This time it wasn't just imagination. It was miraculous but also quite objective and definite. It dried 70,000 people's clothes. Just what was that pearly wheel that revolved and turned red and then swooped down over the heads of the crowd, sending out those waves of heat? Modern students of recent phenomena which have occurred world-wide and which seem in many ways to be a continuation and development of the same kind of thing have come up with an answer — It was a Flying Saucer!

To be continued



Research

Notes:

The Effect of Planets in their own Signs

Ken Gillman

FROM 1705 to 1992 there have been sixty-eight General Elections in Britain. In forty of these the defending government won the election and so retained power. *Data from the Librarian of the Houses of Parliament, via the kind efforts of Kevin Hawley.*

While constructing a multivariate model using only astrological factors to predict the results of these parliamentary elections, I observed the following significant result that involves the presence of the seven classical planets, $\odot \rightarrow \text{♂}$, in the Signs they traditionally rule:

Planets in their own Signs	Elections		Wins by Incumbent		χ^2
	#	%	#	%	
0	23	33.8	8	34.8	5.49
1	25	36.8	15	60.0	0.01
2	16	23.5	13	81.2	3.32
3 or more	4	5.9	4	100.0	2.80
Total	68	100.0	40	58.8	11.62

As the above table summarizes a 2×4 table, there are 3 degrees of freedom and the χ^2 is significant at the 1% level, i.e. the odds are greater than 99-to-1 that this result did not come about simply by chance.

When the more recently discovered bodies, ♁ , ♂ and ♂ , replace ♂ , ♂ and ♂ as rulers of ♈ , ♈ and ♈ , respectively, the value of this indicator disappears. It then has no significance.

This result is mentioned as I have not previously seen any research that confirms the value of planets in their own Signs. Here it makes sense: the more planets positioned in the Signs they traditionally rule, the more likely it is that the *status quo* will be maintained, that the party in power retains that power.

In each instance the planetary positions used here come from charts erected for sunrise on the day of the General Election at Westminster, the location of the government. Unlike the U.S. where Presidential elections occur on specified dates, a parliamentary General Election can occur at any time within a determined period on the whim of the sitting Prime Minister.

It should be noted that while this variable is strongly significant, it was not the strongest used in the final prediction model nor was it the initial variable to enter the stepwise solution (i.e., it did not have the highest correlation with the dependent variable). The strongest predictor was the aspect between the ♂ and ♂ — of the 21 elections where these two were ♂ or ♂ , $\pm 10^\circ$, 20 resulted in 'wins'. The final prediction model contains ten such variables. $\emptyset$

Contest:

Interpret this Solar Return

NICHOLETTE was born at 6:42 a.m. PWT (13:42 UT), from birth certificate, on Friday, July 27, 1945 in Orange, California (33N47, 117W51), at which time the Sun was at 4° 08' ♋. She celebrated her 50th birthday this year in Lake Oswego, Oregon (45N25, 122W40), and on that day, Thursday, July 27, 1995 at 15:13 UT, there was a *New Moon* at 4° 08' ♋!

Readers are invited to describe Nicholette's 1995-96 year, birthday to birthday, and to specify the dates on which predicted events are likely to occur. You are not restricted to using the Solar Return, but can utilize whichever predictive tools you prefer. However, please state those astrological methods being used, and which are associated with which prediction. At the end of the year, in XI:4, Nicholette will share with us a description of her year and we will then evaluate the various predictions.

Figure 1 illustrates Nicholette's natal chart (inside) and her solar return (outside). Note that the SR occurred ten minutes after the new moon.

Who is Nicholette? She is a subscriber to *Considerations*, and...

a *struggling* stage and commercial actress. In 1972 I was 'given' a private alternative school. I stayed in "private teacher" mode for the next seven years. In 1979, I auditioned for a community stage play (never having had the nerve before). I had the starring role by the third play and took the Best Actress Award that year, 1981. In March 1983, I divorced my husband of sixteen years and met my present husband on June 25, 1983 (divorce final on March 25, 1984; remarried on September 22, 1984). I do not teach any more. I have taken acting seriously enough to have an agent for my TV and radio voice and feature film acting. I now work as my husband's assistant and business developer in our home office. For the past twenty years I have been an enthusiastic student of astrology.

What's happened so far? Shortly after her birthday, Nicholette wrote:

Well, my body knew it before my head did. I began putting together marketing packages and mailing them to artistic directors of theaters whose auditions I had let slip by. My agent named me one of the eight talents 'most likely to succeed' this year. Odd, since I hadn't generated an impressive commission for my agent by any means this past year. I received a phone call from an estranged girl-friend who owes me a loan I made to her on a money-making scheme she and I invested in 1½ years ago (and I totally wrote-off) to say it looks like

it's going to pay-off soon. I plan to establish an alternative school for disenfranchised kids with the profits. And, for the first time in my life, I find myself buying Powerball Lottery tickets every time I go to the grocery store. A psychic friend said, "It's acting and it's November."

All seems rather simple, easy to predict, doesn't it, especially with secondary σ closely $\square$ secondary γ . And transiting γ 's 8/95 station Δ natal $\odot$. But will there be anything more than optimism and simple well-being? If so, what? And when? You tell us. The reader best describing the actual nature and timing of Nicholette's year will receive a free year's subscription to *Considerations*. All entries to be received by January 1, 1996.

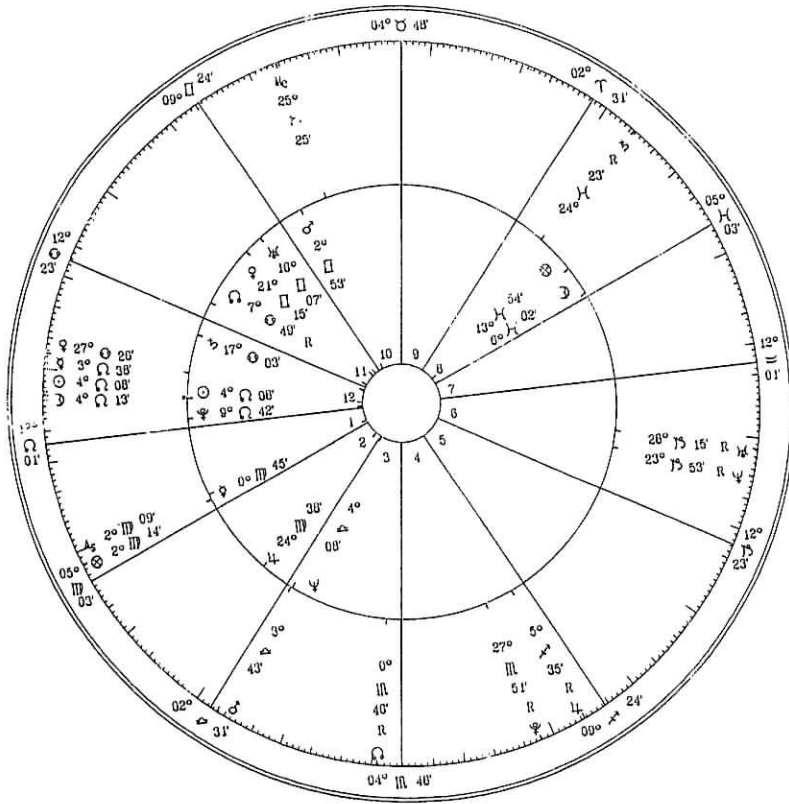


Fig. 1: Natal (inner) : 6:42 a.m. PWT, July 27, 1945: 33N47, 117W51
Solar Return (outer): 7:23 a.m. PST, July 27, 1995: 33N47, 117W51

Theory & Practice of Geocentric Planetary Nodes

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THE POINTS of intersection of the Moon's orbit and the plane of the ecliptic — the Moon's nodes — were already taken into account in Hellenic horoscopes. Today, they are regarded as essential elements of interpretation; there is no modern ephemeris that does not list them. This should be a cause for astonishment, as the Moon's nodes are mathematical points which, in contrast to the Sun, the Moon and the planets, are void of space-filling substance. Yet this immaterial quality is not exceptional in astrology. Like the Moon's nodes, the Ascendant, Midheaven and house cusps, these outstanding individual factors in interpretation, are immaterial intersection points; they can only be defined by mathematical methods. The astrological expert, applying her or his knowledge, does not even wonder that aspects between such immaterial points and material astronomical bodies are effective.

Thus, it seems paradoxical and inconsistent that the points of intersection of the ecliptic and the orbits of the planets, the geocentric nodes, were not taken into account in astrology. This is why I presented a groundbreaking paper, *The Importance of Geocentric Planetary Nodes* at a conference in Aalen, Germany, in 1965 (Landscheidt, 1966). When I presented a workshop at the International Astrological Congress in Aalen in 1971, I again spread the news about geocentric planetary nodes. Dr. Ziporah Dobyns, who was present, was in resonance with the message. In 1972, she published her *Node Book* with ephemerides covering the years 1971 to 1974, computed by Mark Pottenger. My own computer program, which has been available to the public for decades, covers the period 1600 to 2100.

The celestial positions of the heliocentric nodes show a rather slow progress, between 15' for Uranus and 42' for Pluto over fifty years, see Table 1 below. The geocentric nodes are much more dynamic. They are linked to the yearly rhythm of the Earth's course around the Sun. The nodes of the inferior planets Mercury and Venus, seen from the earth, complete the circle of the ecliptic within a year. Mercury's node reaches a daily motion of 1.5', and Venus' node is nearly as fast. The geocentric nodes of the superior planets, Mars to Pluto, oscillate around the position of the respective heliocentric node. The range of this swing depends on the distance of the particular planet. The annual range of each planet's geocentric ascending node is listed in the third column of Table 1.

Table 1:

Movement of Planetary Nodes

P L A N E T	Advance of the heliocentric planetary nodes over 50 years	Annual range of the geocentric planetary nodes	
		Ascending Node, Ω	Descending Node, $\oslash$
♂	+ 36'	complete 360°	complete 360°
♀	+ 28'	complete 360°	complete 360°
♂	+ 24'	7° ♄ — 2° ♅	8° ♄ — 29° ♅
♃	+ 31'	29° ♂ — 21° ♅	29° ♄ — 21° ♅
♂	+ 26'	17° — 29° ♅	17° — 29° ♅
♃	+ 15'	10° — 16° ♂	10° — 16° ♄
♂	+ 33'	9° — 13° ♅	9° — 13° ♅
♂	+ 42'	18° — 21° ♅	18° — 21° ♅

In contrast to the Moon's nodes, the descending planetary nodes are not located at the opposition point to the ascending nodes. They form different angles as they are seen in different perspective from the earth revolving around the Sun. The descending nodes of Mercury and Venus, too, cover the whole circle of the ecliptic. They can reach any angular separation from the respective ascending node, including a conjunction. The descending nodes of the superior planets are only to be found at an angle of 180° from the respective ascending nodes when the Earth, Sun and node are in line. In all other cases the angular separation differs from 180°. The ranges the descending nodes cover in their oscillation about the descending heliocentric node are listed above in the right-hand column of Table 1. Imagine what we get in positive and negative respects, four times a year, via transits of Saturn's or Uranus' nodes if our Ascendant or Midheaven lies just in the range of oscillation of these nodes.

THE MOON'S nodes and their interpretations are only a special case. General interpretational analogies of the geocentric nodes may be derived from the cosmic phenomenon that the orbital planes of two cosmic bodies intersect each other. In astrology this is a legitimate analogy operation. It yields the interpretational principles: *in-*

tersection, interface, interchange, junction, contact,; connection,; union, nexus, convergence, coalescence.

In psychological terminology we get: *meeting, relation, connectedness.*

Biological terms that reflect the nodal phenomenon are *cell fusion, sense organ, synapse.*

As to practical realizations, we may think of *society, club, conference, association, cooperation, traffic-junction, cross-roads, network, switch aggregates, social contact, union with a partner.*

It is easy to see that the nodes cover just that wide field of human relations that generates problems astrologers are confronted with in their consultations. She or he who does not take into account the planetary nodes does not take advantage of this special information that amounts to about 40% of the total information embodied in a horoscope.

This implication is highlighted in detail when we look at the interpretation of the special nodes. They emerge when we combine the general interpretational principles of nodes with the well known principles of the planets.

Mercury's Nodes:

☿ ♊

Principles: *Network; symbiosis; association; purposeful union.*

Biology: *Nerve tissue; nerve axons; impulse conveyed by nervous system.*

Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Association of ideas; intellectual community; formal relation; verbal exchange; dialogue; brain trust; pooling agreement; economic cooperation; contract; correspondence; marriage of convenience; youth group; mathematical matrix; computer interface.*

Venus' Nodes:

♀ ♋

Principles: *Sensual contact; copulation; amalgamation.*

Biology: *Conception; maintenance of organic balance by interaction of hormones.*

Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Emotional connection; love union; sexual act; erotic-aesthetic tie; artistic cooperation; social bond; settlement of differences; harmonic union; coalescence of form elements; engagement; marriage; group of dancers; ensemble of actors; art union; cultural exchange.*

Mars' Nodes:

♂ ♀

- Principles: *Power transmission; joint activity; conflict.*
- Biology: *Copulation; transfer of energy; interplay of muscles.*
- Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Cooperation; joint fight; concerted undertaking; team work; controversy; panic action; sports meeting; team of surgeon; military units; war alliance; battle; network for transmission of energy; short-circuit; conduction of heat; heat exchange; interaction of forces.*

Jupiter's Nodes:

♃ ♀

- Principles: *Organic compound; organic interaction; productive cooperation.*
- Biology: *Healing tissue; transplantation of an organ; organic macromolecules; blood transfusion; metabolic process; arteries and veins.*
- Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Joint happiness; creative collaboration; positive social contact; religious group; legal or moral bond; joint development; blood brotherhood; community; fraternity; religious order; guild; syndicate; state; parliamentary group; political party; trade union; agreement; contract; treaty; lawsuit; bank connection.*

Saturn's Nodes:

♄ ♀

- Principles: *Rigid connection; permanent union; cohesion of structures.*
- Biology: *Joints; wrists; ankles; sinews; connective tissue.*
- Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Exchange of experience; stable partnership; restrained or interrupted relationship; separation; partition; chronologic or historic connection; transgression of thresholds; community of seniors; line of ancestors; genealogical tree; historical, philosophical or scientific societies; chain of cause and effect; anorganic molecules; striking the ground after fall; cement.*

Uranus' Nodes

✳ Ω

- Principles: *Creative union; cyclic nexus; circulation.*
- Biology: *Stimulating sensual contact; oscillations of cell aggregates; irritation of nervous system; orgasm.*
- Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Sudden acquaintanceship; eccentric liaison; new partner; psychic resonance; grasp a connection intuitively; stimulating companion; excited family; technological team-work; revolutionary community; clash; vehement controversy; union of revolvers; team of technicians; astrological association; orchestra; symphony; electromagnetic interaction; electric power line; resonance of oscillators; wireless transmission; television network; telecast interview; sudden incidents in community life.*

Neptune's Nodes

♆ Ω

- Principles: *Immaterial connection; freedom of association; platonic relationship.*
- Biology: *Mental disorder; psychotic disorganization; contact with allergens; dissolution of cellular tissue; assimilate homeopathic doses of medicine or poison.*
- Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Subtle perception; suprasensuous contact; platonic love; ethereal union; subconscious bond; dream associations; mystical union; samdhi; fraternization of mankind; homosexual relationship; secret criminal organizations; community with sick or drug addicted persons; circle of occultists; sectarian community; idealistic communism; dissolution of ties; mixture of colors; traffic jam.*

Pluto's Nodes:

♅ ♁

Principles: *Exchange of vital information; nuclear fusion; existential connection.*

Biology: *Information conveyed by regulation centers; karyogamy; schizophrenia.*

Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Fateful relationship; karmic link; exert pressure on a partner; meeting one's inner life center (Self); "loss of soul"; mass meeting; nuclear fusion; nuclear fission; political influence exerted by mass media; interaction of nuclear force; wield demagogic oratory power.*

Moon's Nodes:

♁ ♁

More special interpretative analogies had to be assigned to these nodes than the hitherto usual symbolical correspondences.

Principles: *Subconscious connection; instinctive association; relation subjected to change; contacts with the female sex.*

Biology: *Exchange of fluid; sweating; sweat duct; beginning and ending of menstruation; penetration of spermatozoon into egg; delivery; cutting of umbilical cord.*

Psychology, sociology, and technology: *Psychic bond; community with women or children; kinship; family contact; mother fixation; emotional relationship; conjugal union; public relations; marry and settle down; national community; feminist group; children in class.*

It should be noted that such interpretations that accentuate special qualities represented by terms like link, connection, association, union, junction, etc., cannot be derived from the planets alone.

THE VERNAL and autumnal points are nodes where the Sun's apparent path and the Earth's equator cross. They unite two different motions: the Earth's rotation on its axis — expression of its individuality and independence — and its revolution around the Sun — manifestation of its social role in the solar system. This is why the vernal equinox, the Aries point, is sensitive to aspects. Symmetry is one of the fundamental principles in the universe. It points to another node, involving

the Sun: the intersection of the plane of the Sun's equator and the ecliptic. In 1969, when I first called attention to this intersection, I termed it Sun's node. It is as important as the Aries point. We obtain the ecliptical longitude (L) of the ascending Sun's node ($\odot$'s Ω) from the following formula:

$$L \odot's \Omega = 73.6667^\circ + [(Year - 1850) \times 0.01396^\circ]$$

For the beginning of the year 1950 we get 75.0627° , or $15^\circ 04'$ II. In the year 2000 the ecliptic position will be 75.76° , or $15^\circ 46'$ II.

In contrast to the geocentric planetary nodes, the Sun's descending node is always opposite the ascending node. If you wonder why I was attracted by the Sun's node, it is conjunct my Midheaven. Here are some examples of interpretational correspondences:

Sun's Nodes:

$\odot \Omega$

Principles:	<i>Integrating associations; intellectual relationship; contact with the male sex.</i>
Biology:	<i>Connection between central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous system; relation between cerebrum, cerebellum, and brain stem; biophysical exchange of energy; blood circulation; biofeedback.</i>
Psychology, sociology, and technology:	<i>Relationship with a man, the husband, the father, the brother, or an authority; radiating personality; strive jointly for common objects; transfer of energy; hierarchically organized community; federation of states; coalition of countries; tap sources of energy; form a brotherhood; enter a religious order as a monk.</i>

These are only some examples of a wealth of interpretations that emerge when we combine the general principles of nodes and those of the different celestial bodies. Yet the reader is now in a position to imagine what it means when Saturn's node is conjunct the Descendant, or when Mars' node forms a conjunction with Venus in an individual's horoscope. As human relations are very important for the development of personality, the special quality of these relations, indicated by the different geocentric nodes, should not be neglected in judging a nativity, especially in synastry.

I have been testing the geocentric nodes and their interpretations since the early sixties, and I am convinced that we can rely on the information they convey. As to aspects with other factors in the chart, conjunctions, oppositions and squares are clearly dominant. So it is not difficult to find these nodal aspects. Usually, there are only a few contacts, but they often

change the global picture decisively. As yet, I have been unable to observe a difference in interpretation between ascending and descending nodes.

THE FOLLOWING examples are not intended as evidence, instead they show what we get when we include the geocentric nodes in our work. Figure 1 shows Michel Gauquelin's chart. The most important configuration is $\Psi \sigma M_C \sigma \Phi$. The rest are trines: $\Psi \Delta M_C$ and $\Delta \Psi$, $ASC \Delta \Upsilon$, $\odot \Delta E$, and $\mathcal{D} \Delta \mathcal{M}$. There is not a single square formed by the planets, Ascendant or Midheaven. With respect to these positive aspects, one would not think that Michel Gauquelin died by suicide. Yet look at the nodes: Ψ 's Ω is σ ASC, and σ 's Ω forms a square with this conjunction. According to Ebertin's *Combination of Stellar Influences*, this may point to "self-destroying forces." In addition, E 's $\mathcal{U}$ and Υ 's $\mathcal{U}$, which are conjunct, oppose Pluto. Ebertin's interpretation includes "self-destructing energy." And there is a conjunction of Mars' $\mathcal{U}$ and the Sun, which also explains why Michel Gauquelin had to fight as long as he lived. These nodal constellations are accentuated by golden aspects: $ASC-132.5^\circ-\mathcal{M}$ (exact to $0^\circ 41'$), and $\odot-132.5^\circ-\mathcal{M}$ (exact to $0^\circ 01'$), as well as $\odot-132.5^\circ-\sigma$ (exact to $0^\circ 28'$).

When Michel Gauquelin died on May 20, 1991, Saturn's transiting Ω was conjunct the natal Pluto, and Mars' transiting $\mathcal{U}$ had reached the opposition to the natal MC (132.5° from natal Saturn). With transits, also conjunctions, oppositions and squares are predominant.

When World War II began on September 1, 1939, Venus was conjunct the Sun, and the Moon applied to a conjunction with Jupiter. This is certainly no proper indication of what happened. There was a square between Saturn and Pluto, but this was a separating aspect that came closest to its exactness in July 1939. The disastrous quality of the time is properly reflected only when the nodes come in. The Moon's node formed an exact square with Pluto and also opposed Saturn. According to Ebertin, this indicates "application of force, misery of the masses, and common suffering." In addition, Mars was opposing the Ω 's of Saturn and Pluto. And Mars' Ω squared the Moon, while Uranus' $\mathcal{U}$ formed a square with the Sun, a configuration that symbolizes fighting people and states that apply violence.

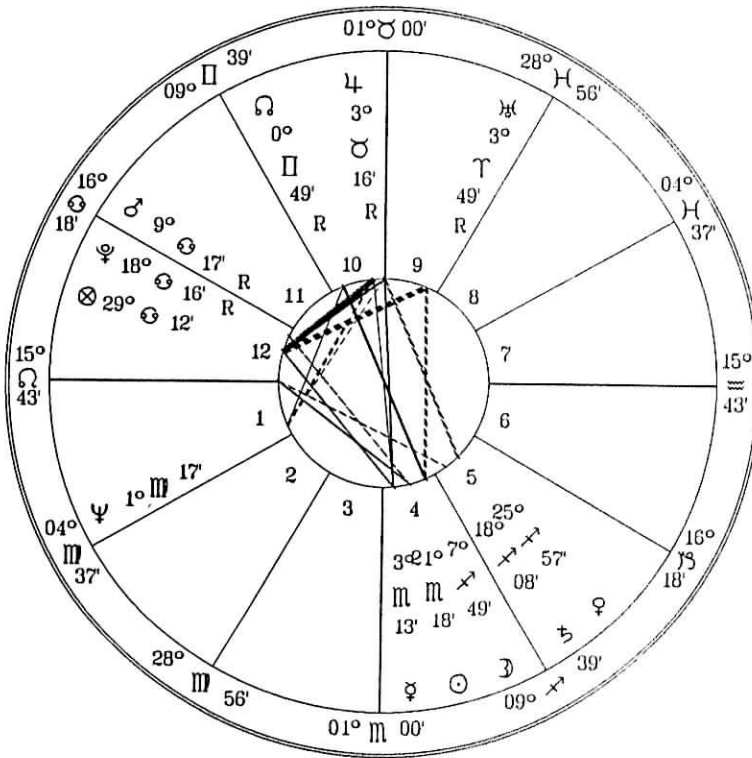
At the beginning of operation Desert Storm on January 16, 1991, there was only one impressive configuration formed by planets: the conjunction of Sun and Saturn. This aspect is linked to problems and difficulties, but not to fighting. Yet Mars' Ω squaring Uranus is a configuration that points to the use of force. The severe conflict between peoples and states is expressed by the fourfold conjunction of the Moon's Ω , Saturn's Ω , the Sun, and Saturn.

Fig. 1:

Psychologist Michel Gauquelin

22:15 UT, November 13, 1928

Paris, France: 48N51, 2E20



*Geocentric planetary nodes
in Michel Gauquelin's horoscope*

	♈	♉
♂	14° 46' ♈	14° 46' ♉
☾	0° 49' ♈	0° 49' ♉
♀	23° 06' ♈	20° 07' ♈ ♂ ☉
♂	9° 20' ♈	1° 45' ♈
♂	14° 09' ♈ □ A _S	19° 54' ♈ ♂ ☉
♃	19° 02' ♈	2° 32' ♈
♄	28° 50' ♈	18° 18' ♈ ♂ ♀
♅	14° 47' ♈	12° 33' ♈
♆	12° 52' ♈ ♂ A _S	9° 10' ♈
♇	20° 31' ♈	17° 56' ♈ ♂ ♀

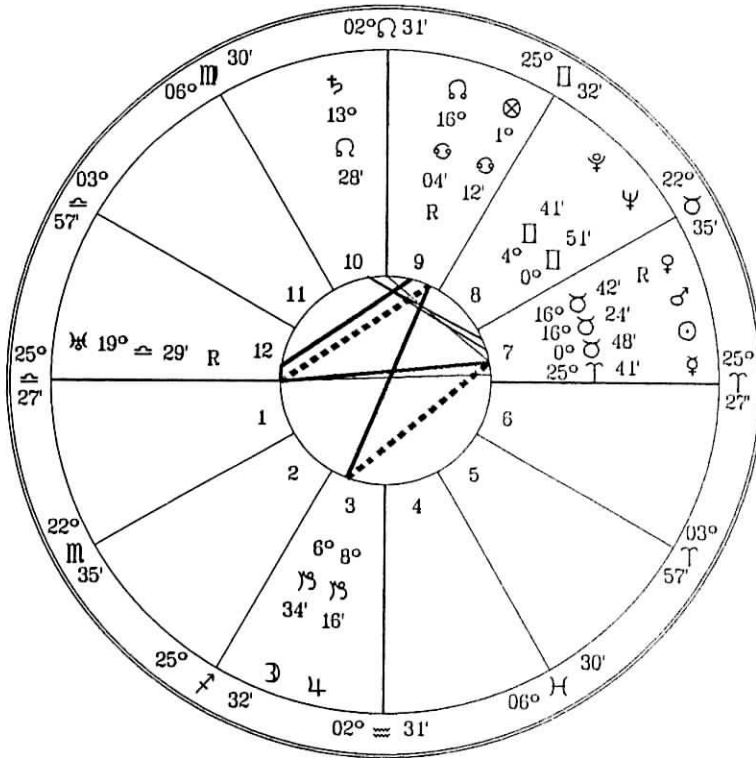
When we look at the planets in the horoscope presented in Figure 2, there are three outstanding conjunctions that point to a positive disposition: $\Upsilon \sigma \text{D}$ — “kindness, good heart, religiosity, readiness to help others”; $\text{♀} \sigma \odot \sigma \text{DESC}$ — “common sense, power of thought, circumspection and prudence, cultivates the exchange of ideas”; $\text{♀} \sigma \text{♂}$ — “the impulse to love, a warm heart, creativity in the arts, sensitiveness”. All of the quoted interpretations are from Ebertin’s *Combination of Stellar Influences*. There is also a conjunction of Neptune and Pluto that could be linked to negative interpretations. Yet it is not individual; the native shares this wide conjunction of these slowly moving planets with many other persons. Uranus near the Ascendant could be critical, but its position is in Libra, the Sign of harmony, peace and diplomacy. Finally, there is a square between Mars and Saturn. Yet Mars is conjunct Venus and forms a trine and a sextile with the Moon’s nodes. Does this chart properly reflect the dictator Hitler’s personality?

The geocentric nodes set the picture right. The Moon’s Ω forms a triple conjunction with the Ω ’s of Saturn and Pluto, which is squared by Uranus. Saturn opposes Neptune’s Ω and squares Mars’ Ω and also Mars, thus changing completely the nature of the conjunction between Mars and Venus. This configuration is accentuated by $\text{♄}-68.8^\circ-\text{♅}$, an exact golden aspect (Ebertin: “coldheartedness, tendency to violence, fanatical adherence to one’s principles”). Last, but not least, Saturn’s ♁ is conjunct the Midheaven. In all cases presented here, the orb of the nodal constellation is small: 1° to 2° . At the time of Hitler’s suicide (April 30, 1945), Mars’ transiting Ω squared natal Saturn, and Saturn’s transiting Ω was conjunct the natal Moon’s Ω and close to the square with the natal Uranus.

Figure 3 presents the well-known chart of President John F. Kennedy. The conjunction of Saturn with the MC is no direct indication that President Kennedy was shot to death. Yet there is an indicative connection with Mars and Uranus formed by golden aspects. Mars and Uranus are closely linked by the golden aspect 85° (exact to $0^\circ 18'$) and Mars is exactly connected with Saturn by the 68.8° aspect (Ebertin: “sudden accident, heavy injury, case of death”). These configurations are accentuated by links with geocentric nodes: Mars’ Ω squares Uranus, and Saturn’s ♁ is opposed to Saturn and the MC. Characteristically, the Ascendant shows as much as three typical nodal connections: it is squared by Saturn’s Ω , Mars’ ♁ forms a conjunction, and Pluto’s ♁ squares it. When John F. Kennedy was killed on November 22, 1963, the transiting Mars’ Ω was conjunct the natal MC, while the transiting Mars’ ♁ was conjunct the natal Sun. In addition, the transiting Saturn’s ♁ was opposed to natal Pluto, which is connected to natal Mars by a semisquare.

Fig. 2:

Dictator Adolf Hitler
 17:31 UT. April 20, 1889.
 Braunau am Inn, Austria: 48N15, 13E03



Geocentric planetary nodes in Adolf Hitler's horoscope

	♈	♉
☉	14° 13' ♈	14° 13' ♈
☾	16° 04' ♉	16° 04' ♉
☿	4° 39' ♊	18° 21' ♊
♀	19° 21' ♋	14° 35' ♋
♂	11° 28' ♌	16° 16' ♌
♃	29° 45' ♍	20° 17' ♍
♄	16° 31' ♎	28° 26' ♎
♅	11° 29' ♏	15° 33' ♏
♆	8° 40' ♐	12° 26' ♐
♇	17° 26' ♑	20° 29' ♑

There are many other examples:

When the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima, not only Uranus was conjunct the Midheaven, but so too were Mars' Ω and Uranus' Ω .

Dane Rudhyar had a conjunction of the Sun's Ω and Uranus' Ω on the Descendant.

Teilhard de Chardin's Moon was conjunct the Sun's Ω and Uranus' Ω .

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Midheaven was conjunct Uranus' Ω .

In Johann Sebastian Bach's chart Uranus' Ω was conjunct Venus.

When the first man set foot on the Moon, this coincided with a fourfold conjunction of the Venus' Ω , Jupiter's Ω , Mercury's Ω and Mercury.

Interested readers may delve into such connections on their own. I wrote an IBM-compatible program that calculates the ecliptic positions of the geocentric nodes and the ascending Sun's node for the period 1600 to 2100. It also gives detailed interpretations and comprehensive information how to work with nodes. The low-priced program is available directly from me (11227 Cabot Trail, Belle Côte, NS, B0E 1C0; Canada).

A SPECIAL feature of geocentric nodes is that they indicate crucial days in the course of the year. I mentioned earlier that the heliocentric nodes progress very slowly. Consequently, the geocentric nodes, linked as they are to the Earth's course around the Sun, reach nearly the same position a year or even some years later. If there is a special configuration formed with radix positions, it will recur about the same calendar date. This is especially true for the birthday. So there is more to the birthday than the Solar Return. If you know the trend released by special nodal transits, you can make plans for the year. I myself make good use of the alignment of Mercury's node, Jupiter's node and Venus' node in mid-January and July to get ahead in my work. Yet there are also negative examples: on January 28, 1986 seven U.S. astronauts were killed when the space shuttle Challenger exploded on take-off at Cape Canaveral. On January 27, 1967 a similar accident had occurred that killed three astronauts. In both of these cases Mars' Ω , Uranus' Ω and the Sun's Ω formed a triple conjunction that was related to critical configurations in the respective charts.

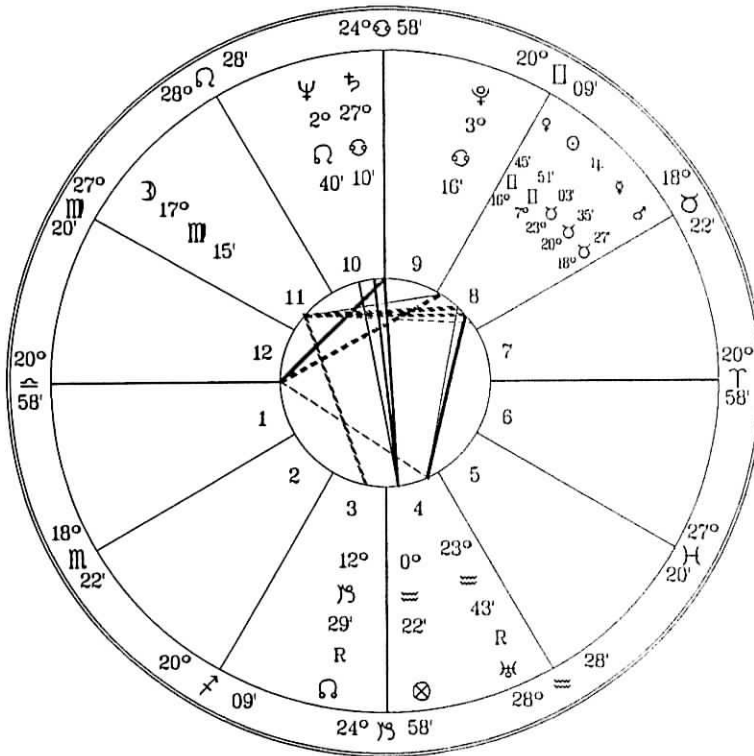
Geocentric planetary nodes may also be used as significators and promissors with primary directions. Yet delving into this topic would go beyond the introductory level of this paper. Hopefully, the reader has got the impression that it is worthwhile to make use of the geocentric planetary nodes, as they offer special information about interrelations which may change the global picture considerably, especially in synastry.

Fig. 3:

President John F. Kennedy

20:05 UT, May 29, 1917.

Brookline, MA: 42N20, 71W07



Geocentric planetary nodes in JFK's horoscope

	Ω		♊
☉	14° 36' ♈		14° 36' ♏
☽	12° 29' ♈		12° 29' ♏
☿	3° 02' ♈		22° 52' ♏
♀	11° 12' ♈		18° 44' ♏
♂	26° 37' ♏	☐ ♏	19° 48' ♈ ♂ As
♃	4° 34' ♏		16° 38' ♏
♄	18° 44' ♏	☐ As	27° 21' ♏ ♂ ♃
♅	13° 17' ♈		13° 53' ♏
♆	9° 11' ♏		12° 37' ♏
♇	18° 16' ♏		20° 21' ♏ ☐ As

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Investigating Group Symmetry with the 90° Dial

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HAMBURG School (Uranian) astrologers not only use the 90° dial to study horoscopes, they also use it to investigate group symmetry.

Any group will show a remarkable degree of symmetry when each individual's natal ☉ position is entered on a 90° dial. Even when exact birth times are unknown, noon GMT positions will usually give results within an orb of 1-2°.

In some groups there is a clear leader. Here, for example, is the data for the heads of the five nuclear nations when Reagan was president:

Leader	Date of birth	☉ noon GMT	90° dial i.e. modulus 90°
<i>Deng</i>	Aug 22, 1904	28° 56' ♍	58:56
<i>Gorbachev</i>	Mar 2, 1931	10° 57' ♉	70:57
<i>Mitterand</i>	Oct 26, 1916	2° 45' ♊	32:45
<i>Reagan</i>	Feb 6, 1911	16° 36' ♋	46:36
<i>Thatcher</i>	Oct 13, 1925	19° 38' ♈	19:38

Once these positions are entered onto a 90° dial, Reagan's noon ☉ is on the axis of symmetry;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \text{Reagan} & & & & \\
 & & 46:36 & & & & \\
 & & \text{I} & & & & \\
 \text{☉} & & & & & & \text{☉} \\
 \text{Deng} & 58:56 & = 45:51 = & 32:45 & \text{Mitterand} \\
 \text{Gorbachev} & 70:57 & = 45:18 = & 19:38 & \text{Thatcher}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Deng-Mitterand midpoint} &= (58:56 + 32:45)/2 = 91:41/2 = 45:51; \\
 \text{Gorbachev-Thatcher} &= (70:57 + 19:38)/2 = 90:35/2 = 45:18
 \end{aligned}$$

Even though we are using noon GMT positions for the four ☉'s, the axis of symmetry is quite accurate here.

What happened to the symmetry of this group of leaders after Reagan left office? To find out, we substitute Bush for Reagan.

Leader	Date of birth	☉ noon GMT	90° dial
<i>Bush</i>	12 June 1924	21° 13' II	81:13

When Bush's noon ☉ position is substituted for Reagan's on the 90° dial, Gorbachev's ☉ is seen to be now placed on the axis of symmetry.

<i>Gorbachev</i>			
70:57			
	☉	I	☉
<i>Deng</i>	58:56	= 70:05 =	81:13 <i>Bush</i>
<i>Mitterand</i>	32:45	= 71:12 =	19:38 <i>Thatcher</i>

Note: To demonstrate the proper location of an axis in this article, it may be necessary sometimes to add or subtract 22.5°, 45° or 67.5° from the calculated midpoint. In the above example, 45° has been added to the Mitterand/Thatcher midpoint of 26:12 to reflect its true position on the 90° dial.

ASTRONAUTS form another interesting group for investigation. The position of the ☉ on the launch date has also been found to be part of the symmetry. The *Apollo 7* group consisted of:

Apollo 7 mission	Date of birth	☉ noon GMT	90° dial i.e. modulus 90°
<i>Cunningham</i>	Mar 16, 1932	25° 42' H	85:42
<i>Eisele</i>	June 23, 1930	1° 17' ☉	1:17
<i>Schirra</i>	Mar 12, 1923	20° 54' H	80:54
<i>Launch Date</i>	Oct 11, 1968	18° 14' ≈	18:14

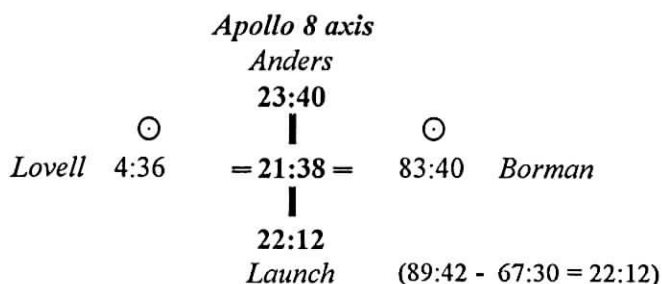
<i>Apollo 7 axis</i>			
<i>Cunningham</i>			
85:42			
	☉	I	☉
<i>Schirra</i>	80:54	= 86:06 =	1:17 <i>Eisele</i>
85:44			
<i>Launch</i> (18:14 + 67:30 = 85:44)			

Schirra/Eisele midpoint = (80:54+1:17)/2 = 41:06; plus 45 = 86:06.

For the Apollo 7 mission, the launch date is on the horizontal axis, and 67.5° is added to 18:14 to obtain 85:44, showing it is on the axis of symmetry.

The Apollo 8 mission shows much the same symmetry:

Apollo 8 mission	Date of birth	☉ noon GMT	90° dial i.e. modulus 90°
<i>Anders</i>	Oct 17, 1933	23° 40' ♌	23:40
<i>Borman</i>	Mar 14, 1928	23° 40' ♋	83:40
<i>Lovell</i>	Mar 25, 1928	4° 36' ♈	4:36
<i>Launch Date</i>	Dec 21, 1968	29° 42' ♏	89:42



Lovell/Borman midpoint = $(4:36 + 83:40)/2 = 44:08$; less 22:30 = 21:38.

Apollo 9 brings out a slightly different symmetry in that there is no individual on the axis of symmetry.

Apollo 9 mission	Date of birth	☉ noon GMT	90° dial i.e. modulus 90°
<i>McDivitt</i>	June 10, 1929	19° 06' ♊	79:06
<i>Scott</i>	June 6, 1932	15° 32' ♊	75:32
<i>Schweickart</i>	Oct 25, 1935	1° 09' ♈	31:09
<i>Launch Date</i>	Mar 3, 1969	12° 44' ♈	72:44

Apollo 9 axis

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \odot & 53:21 & \odot & \\
 & & | & & \\
 \text{Scott} & 75:32 & = 53:21 = & 31:09 & \text{Schweickart} \\
 \text{McDivitt} & 79:06 & = 53:25 = & 72:44 & \text{Launch}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{McDivitt/Launch} = (79:06 + 72:44)/2 = 75:55; \text{ less } 22:30 = 53:25$$

Apollo 10 offers yet a further variation in the pattern of symmetry:

Apollo 10 mission	Date of birth	⊙ noon GMT	90° dial i.e. modulus 90°
<i>Cernan</i>	Mar 14, 1934	23° 13' ♀	83:13
<i>Stafford</i>	Sep 17, 1930	23° 52' ♂	83:52
<i>Young</i>	Sep 24, 1930	0° 43' =	0:43
<i>Launch Date</i>	May 18, 1969	27° 22' ♂	57:22

Apollo 10 axis

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \odot & 42:08 & \odot & \\
 & & | & & \\
 \text{Cernan/Stafford} & & & & \\
 \text{midpoint} & 83:33 & = 42:08 = & 0:43 & \text{Young} \\
 & & 42:22 & & \\
 & & \text{Launch} & (57:22 - 15 = 42:22) &
 \end{array}$$

For Apollo 10 we have a compound midpoint — that is, a midpoint between two sets of midpoints — found by determining first the Cernan /Stafford midpoint and then calculating its midpoint with Young. Note that the launch ⊙ is in a 15° aspect to this axis, and not on the cross-axis as in the previous cases.

It is hoped that this brief article will point the way to further research. Readers will find that symmetry is present in every type of group that is investigated, including families, sports teams, and musicians.



Richard Nixon's Life Span Revolution

KEN GILLMAN

Despite Ross Harvey's clear explanations, many readers say they are muddled and unable to correctly identify their own LSRev rate from several alternatives. We have been consistent in our response, suggesting the frustrated calculator first work through the examples Ross has provided and then complete similar exercises with other public figures for whom the time of birth is probably accurate and sufficient dated events in the life are available. Only after such preparation should one attempt to use the LSRev to estimate the life span of a living person. The following details one approach to finding the correct LSRev rate.

WHEN an angle, directed at the LSRev rate, comes to natal σ , forming either a σ or ρ aspect, an emotional shock is often experienced. The native is being attacked. The accompanying trauma can even create substantial and lasting damage to the individual's psychological development. A death in the family is a frequent manifestation. Everybody experiences these directed aspects to σ several times during their lives and, as they usually signify major events, they stand out; they are clear, helpful aids in identifying the rate at which the angles are moving.

By the time he was 61 years old, Richard Milhous Nixon, the thirty-seventh President of the United States, had experienced four deaths in his family. If at that time, back in August of 1974 when he was forced to resign the presidency, we had wished to forecast Nixon's life span (this presumes we were then aware of the Life Span Revolution although Ross Harvey had not yet discovered it) our investigation would logically begin with trying to relate these deaths to an angle coming to σ or ρ σ .

Two of Nixon's three brothers died at an early age, his 7-year-old brother Arthur in 1925 when Richard was aged $12\frac{1}{2}$ and his older brother Harold eight years later. The other two deaths were those of his parents, his father in 1956 and his mother in 1967.

As a first estimate of an individual's life span we can use the age at death of the parent of the same sex, here the father who was aged $78\frac{3}{4}$ when he died.¹ Call this 79, and express Nixon's age at each of the four deaths as a proportion of this value (see Table 1). The death of his father

¹ The life spans of Arthur and Harold, neither of whom attained anything like this age, point to the potential inaccuracy of such an initial estimate.

when Nixon was 43.6621 years old then gives 0.5527, which value suggests the moving MC (using a counterclockwise, direct motion) has passed the opposition to itself (such an opposition, the moving $M_c \oslash M_c$, splitting the circle and also the life into two halves, is represented by the proportion 0.5) and is now located in the IVth House. By converse motion, the MC will also have recently passed the IC and is now placed in the IIIrd House.

Table 1: Four Deaths in Nixon's Family

Death	Date	Nixon's Age	Proportion (Age $\div$ 79)
Arthur	Aug 10, 1925	12.5836	0.1593
Harold	Mar 7, 1933	20.1562	0.2551
Father	Sep 4, 1956	43.6621	0.5527
Mother	Sep 30, 1967	54.7232	0.6927

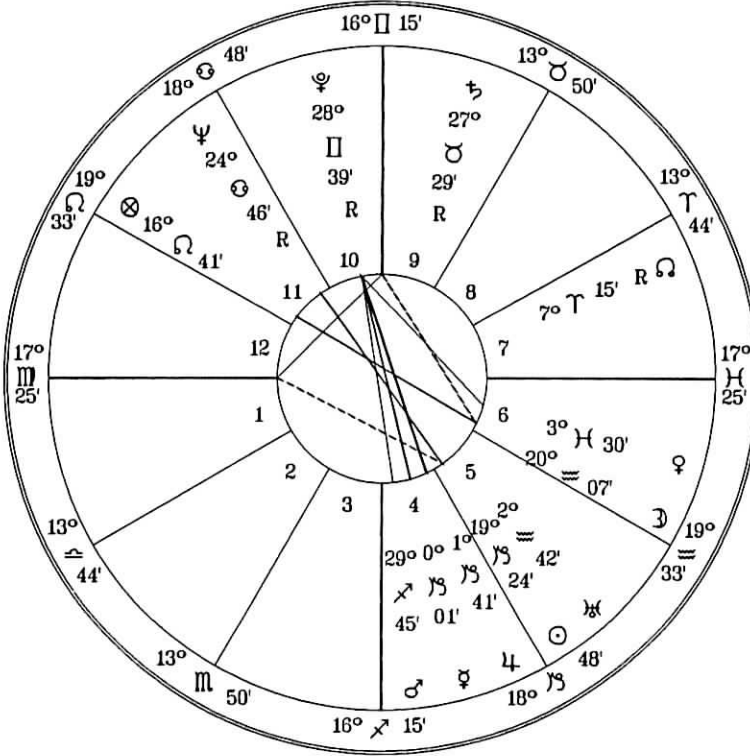
Compare the proportion values in Table 1 with those in the bottom two lines of Table 2. These latter represent the distance in right ascension, expressed as a proportion of 360° , the MC must move around the horoscopic circle for each of the four stated aspects to become exact. The upper of the two values is the proportion of the circle covered by the direct-moving MC, and the lower one is the proportion covered by converse or clockwise movement. Three of the eight proportions in Table 2 are similar to three of the four in Table 1. This suggests that three of the four deaths

Table 2: $\oslash$ on the Angles

$\oslash 29^\circ 45' \oslash$	MC $\oslash \oslash$	MC $\oslash \oslash$	ASC $\oslash \oslash$	ASC $\oslash \oslash$
Sidereal Time	17 ^h 58' 55"	5 ^h 58' 55"	13 ^h 06' 44"	22 ^h 51' 14"
RAMC	269° 44'	89° 44'	196° 40'	342° 48'
Difference from 75° 04'	194° 40'	14° 40'	121° 36'	267° 44'
Proportion of 360°	0.5407 0.4593	0.0407 0.9593	0.3378 0.6622	0.7429 0.2571

Fig. 1:

Richard M. Nixon
 9:35 p.m. PST, January 9, 1913
 Yorba Linda, Calif. 33N53, 117W49 (RAMC = 75° 04')



may be related to an aspect between the moving angle and natal ♂. These sets of similar proportions are shaded in Tables 1 and 2.

At Nixon's birth the longitude of ♂ was 29°45' ♎. When, for example, the direct-moving MC reaches this longitude the sidereal time is 17^h 58' 55", the equivalent of 269°44' in right ascension (ST x 15 = RA). 269°44' is 194°40' away from the natal RAMC of 75°04', which distance is 0.5407 of the full circle of 360°. The equivalent proportion of the circle the converse MC needs to have traveled to make the same aspect is the complement of this, 0.4593.

Having obtained three possible aspects to ♂ by the moving angles, we calculate the rate associated with each for the aspect to have been exact at the appropriate age. The results of this calculation are given in Table 3.

At the death of Harold, for example, Nixon was 20.1562 years old. In Table 1 this age was expressed as the proportion 0.2551. From Table 2 a similar proportion, 0.2571, is associated with the distance the converse

MC must travel in right ascension for the associated ASC to come to $29^{\circ}45'II$ and thus oppose natal σ . The converse MC will then have attained an RAMC of $342^{\circ}48'$.² The MC has moved backwards from its natal position of $75^{\circ}04'$ of RAMC to this new position, an arc of $92^{\circ}16'$. Division of this arc by Nixon's age then gives the associated rate of 4.5776. In turn, dividing this rate into 360° provides 78.64 years as an estimate of Nixon's life span. Table 3 details some of the steps in this calculation and also similar ones for the other two deaths.

Table 3: Three Estimates of Nixon's Life Span

Death	Direction	Aspect	Arc in RA	Age	Rate = Arc ÷ Age	Life Span
Harold	Converse	$A_S \sigma \sigma$	$92^{\circ}16'$	20.1562	4.5776	78.64
Father	Direct	$M_C \sigma \sigma$	$194^{\circ}40'$	43.6521	4.4595	80.73
Mother	Converse	$A_S \sigma \sigma$	$238^{\circ}24'$	54.7232	4.3565	82.64
Average :					4.4645	81.64

We can now improve on our initial estimate of 79 years, based on the $78\frac{3}{4}$ -year life span of Nixon's father, and work instead with 81.64, the average of these three σ aspects, which means having the MC move at a rate of 4.4645° of right ascension³ each year.



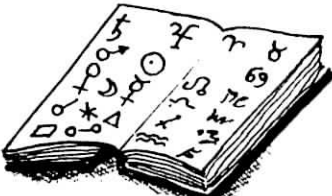
² Mark Pottenger's CCRS92 software program was used to generate a Table of Houses for the latitude of $33N53$ with the correct obliquity for 1913.

³ Why is the LSRev calculated in right ascension and not in longitude? Ross Harvey compared the two, the use of a constant rate in longitude against a constant rate in RA. He found that a constant in RA works while one in longitude doesn't.

Table 4:

Worksheet

Event: First elected President Date: November 5, 1968
 Age: 55.8219 years Arc: $55.8219 \times 4.4645 = 249^\circ 13'$

Direct movement			Converse movement		
Natal RAMC	75:04		Natal RAMC + 360	435:04	
plus arc	+ 249:13		less arc	- 249:13	
Directed RAMC	<u>324:17</u>		Directed RAMC	<u>185:51</u>	
+ 15	ST =	21:37:08	+ 15	ST =	12:23:24
direct MC	22 $\approx$		converse MC	6 $\approx$	
ASC	12 II		ASC	20 $\nearrow$	
Direction	Possible Aspect	Exact RAMC	Direction	Possible Aspect	Exact RAMC
d MC	$\sigma \searrow$	322:32	c MC	$\rho \Omega$	186:40
d ASC	none		c ASC	ρM_c	181:25
d MC $\sigma \searrow$ 322:32 - 75:04 <u>247:28</u> $\div 55.8219 = 4.4332^\circ/\text{year}$ $360 \div 4.4332 = 81.21 \text{ years}$			c MC $\rho \Omega$ 435:04 - 186:40 <u>248:24</u> $\div 55.8219 = 4.4499^\circ/\text{year}$ $360 \div 4.4499 = 80.90 \text{ years}$		
			c ASC ρM_c 435:04 - 181:25 <u>253:39</u> $\div 55.8219 = 4.5439^\circ/\text{year}$ $360 \div 4.5439 = 79.23 \text{ years}$		

For Nixon's election to the presidency, the moving angles make three major aspects, direct $M_c \sigma \searrow$, converse $M_c \rho \Omega$ and converse $A_s \rho M_c$. Of these, direct $M_c \sigma \searrow$, a suitable indicator of popularity, for being selected as their leader by the electors, seems appropriate.

NINE EVENTS have been taken from Nick Sutherland's listing of major events in Nixon's life⁴: the death of his brother Harold, his marriage to Pat, the birth of Tricia his first child, his election to the U.S. Congress, the death of his father, the loss to Kennedy, the death of his mother, his election to the presidency, and his resignation. Direct and converse angles for each of these events were obtained and the LSRev rate associated with any conjunctions and oppositions calculated. One approach to calculating these candidate LSRev rates is shown in the work sheet at Table 4.

An alternative approach, which does not require the use of custom-made Tables of Houses and which is more flexible in the long run, is to prepare a table, see Table 5, which lists the RAMC for when each of the natal planets becomes angular.⁵

Table 5: RAMC's when natal planets are angular

σ M _C	σ M _C	σ A _S	σ A _S
Ω 6.567	♂ 89.746	♂ 11.611	☉ 5.237
♄ 55.205	♀ 90.036	A _S 75.067	♆ 21.195
M _C 75.067	♃ 91.835	♂ 196.684	V _X 40.680
♁ 88.528	☉ 111.018	♀ 196.975	♃ 42.337
♊ 116.698	♆ 125.002	♃ 198.764	♀ 58.461
A _S 168.427	V _X 141.199	☉ 216.799	Ω 98.592
♂ 269.746	♄ 142.542	♆ 228.808	♄ 159.048
♀ 270.036	♀ 155.421	V _X 241.718	M _C 181.415
♃ 271.835	Ω 186.567	♄ 242.748	♁ 195.461
☉ 291.018	♄ 235.205	♀ 252.382	♊ 221.785
♆ 305.002	M _C 255.065	Ω 274.721	A _S 261.778
V _X 321.199	♁ 268.528	♄ 311.363	♂ 342.807
♄ 322.542	♊ 296.698	M _C 328.715	♀ 343.098
♀ 335.421	A _S 348.427	♁ 341.596	♃ 344.905

⁴ *Considerations* IX:3, pages 24-26.

⁵ Formulae for these calculations are given in Ross Harvey's second explanatory article "The Life Span Revolution Simplified", *Considerations* VIII:1. They are also reprinted in *The Life Span Revolution* booklet on pages 37 and 38. A small BASIC program which uses slightly different formulae (though hopefully giving the same results) is listed at the end of this article.

Let's make use of the values in Table 5 for Nixon's election. We have the same direct and converse RAMC as were calculated in Table 4, namely Direct RAMC = 324:17 and Converse RAMC = 185:51.

For 324:17 scan down each of the four columns and note values between, say, 314 and 334. These are listed:

$M_C \sigma V_X$	321.199
$M_C \sigma \mathcal{D}$	322.542
$A_S \sigma M_C$	328.715

These are direct aspects so subtract the natal RAMC, 75.067, from each of these values and then divide by Nixon's age, 55.8219, to obtain the rate.

Table 6a : Possible Direct Aspects for Nixon's Election

Direct Aspect	RAMC for aspect	Difference from natal RAMC	Rate
$M_C \sigma V_X$	321.199	246.132	4.4092
$M_C \sigma \mathcal{D}$	322.542	247.475	4.4333
$A_S \sigma M_C$	328.715	253.648	4.5439

Repeat the same process for the converse-directed RAMC of 185:51. Now we scan the four columns for values from 175 to 196.

$M_C \rho \Omega$	186.567
$A_S \rho M_C$	181.415
$A_S \rho \mathcal{P}$	195.461
$A_S \sigma \sigma^\dagger$	196.684
$A_S \sigma \mathcal{F}$	196.975

As these are converse directions we now subtract these directed values from the natal RAMC, adding 360 to 76.067 to avoid negative values.

Table 6b : Possible Converse Directions for Nixon's Election

Converse Aspect	RAMC for aspect	Difference from natal RAMC	Rate
$A_S \rho M_C$	181.415	235.652	4.5439
$M_C \rho \Omega$	186.567	248.450	4.4517
$A_S \rho \mathcal{P}$	195.461	239.606	4.2923
$A_S \sigma \sigma^\dagger$	196.684	238.383	4.2704
$A_S \sigma \mathcal{F}$	196.975	238.092	4.2652

Table 7: Candidate LSRev Rates for Nine Events

Event	Age	Aspect		Rate	Aspect		Rate
A Death of Harold	20.156	ASC c	♂ ♃	4.4731	MC d	♂ As	4.6319
		ASC c	♂ ♂	4.5772	ASC c	♂ E	4.6372
		ASC c	♂ ♀	4.5628			
B Marriage	27.447	MC c	♂ ☽	4.0997	ASC c	♂ ☾	4.5071
		ASC d	♂ E	4.3866	ASC d	♂ ♃	4.5068
		ASC d	♂ ♂	4.4310	MC c	♂ ♀	4.7388
		ASC d	♂ ♀	4.4416			
C Tricia born	33.118	MC c	♂ ☉	4.3496	ASC d	♂ ♀	4.6423
		ASC d	♂ ♀	4.4302			
D Congress	33.825	ASC d	♂ ☉	4.1902	ASC d	♂ ♀	4.5453
		MC c	♂ ☉	4.2586	MC d	♂ ☾	4.7344
		ASC d	♂ ♀	4.3376	ASC c	♂ ☽	4.7404
E Father died	43.652	ASC c	♂ ☽	4.4057	MC d	♂ ♃	4.5077
		MC d	♂ E	4.4319	ASC d	♂ ☽	4.5738
		MC d	♂ ♂	4.4598	MC c	♂ ☾	4.5785
		MC d	♂ ♀	4.4664			
F Lost to Kennedy	47.830	ASC c	♂ ♀	4.3123	MC d	♂ ☉	4.5150
		ASC c	♂ ♀	4.4591			
G Mother died	54.723	ASC d	♂ ☾	4.3180	ASC c	♂ ♂	4.3562
		ASC c	♂ ♃	4.3181	ASC c	♂ E	4.3785
		ASC c	♂ ♀	4.3508	MC d	♂ ☽	4.5223
H Elected President	55.822	MC d	♂ ☽	4.4333	ASC c	♂ Mc	4.5439
		MC c	♂ ☽	4.4517			
I Resigned	61.581	ASC d	♂ E	4.3281	MC d	♂ As	4.4391
		ASC d	♂ ♂	4.3478	ASC c	♂ ☾	4.4822
		ASC d	♂ ♀	4.3525	MC c	♂ ♀	4.5411
		ASC d	♂ ♃	4.3819			

Similar computations are made for each of nine major events in Nixon's life, the results of which are listed in Table 7. We must now identify the appropriate aspect for each of these major events.

With several candidates for each event we have to choose the one that is most appropriate. Faced with several alternatives, it sometimes helps if we first tabulate these candidate rates. Is any one rate associated with an aspect for each of the events? To see if this is so, we'll first tabulate the rates listed in Table 7 at 0.1 intervals, separately by event, and tally the number of events covered by each of the different rates.

Table 8a: Spread of LSRev Rates over Nine Events

Rate	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Events
4.0-		1								1
4.1-				1						1
4.2-				1						1
4.3-		1	1	1		1	1111		111	6
4.4-	1	11	1		1111	1		11	11	7
4.5-	11	11		1	111	1	1	1	1	8
4.6-	11		1							2
4.7-		1		11						2

Clearly the rates from 4.3 to 4.5 cover all of the events. Now we look closer within this range:

Table 8b: Spread of LSRev Rates from 4.3 to 4.59

Rate	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Events
< 4.3		1		11						2
4.30-						1	11			2
4.32-				1					1	2
4.34-			1				11		11	3
4.36-							1			1
4.38-		1							1	2
4.40-					1					1
4.42-		1	1	1	1			1	1	5
4.44-		1		1	1	1		1		4
4.46-	1	1			1					3
4.48-									1	1
4.50-		11			1	1				3
4.52-							1			1
4.54-								1	1	2
4.56-	11	1			11					3
4.58-										-
4.60+	11		1	11						3

Rates within the range 4.42-4.459 occur fairly frequently, appearing in six of the nine events. But are they appropriate?

Death of Harold. Two aspects stand out as being possible: converse ASC σ σ and σ P . Both are appropriate symbolically but neither of their associated rates fall within the 4.42-4.459 range suggested by our tabulations. We should probably stay with converse ASC σ σ and its rate of 4.5772. Ross Harvey has observed that before age 20 the LSRev rate tends to fluctuate from the constant value it will adopt for the remainder of the life. Nixon had only just passed his 20th birthday at the time of his brother's death. Let's ignore this event.

Marriage. Two obvious candidates again: converse MC σ D could indicate the native being held in high esteem by one or more females, or he himself holding a female in high esteem, but the associated rate of 4.0997 is not confirmed by other events. The other candidate aspect, direct ASC σ V , for a rate of 4.5071, is also outside the range suggested by the tabulation. Unless we choose the V aspect, which is within the most frequently occurring range, arguing that marriage is a contractual agreement, we should stay with V .

Birth of Tricia, his first child. All three of the aspected planets, Ψ , $\odot$ and M , must be considered suitable candidates. Ψ is in the natal XIth (the fifth from the seventh) and the other two are in the natal Vth. M is confirmed by the P rate observed for Harold's death, but not by many other events. The Ψ rate of 4.4302 does fall within the suggested range, but the $\odot$'s placement in the Vth is too tempting.

Election to Congress. This occurred within a year of Tricia's birth and the same aspects are repeated, together with a couple more. Converse MC σ $\odot$ would seem to stand out as an obvious choice except that we've already used it for Tricia's birth and the associated rate of 4.2586 is not confirmed elsewhere. Some argument can be made for the V aspect as this planet rules his $\odot$. Let's average the $\odot$ and M rates, on the basis that before his election there was the whole electioneering process and after there was the move from California to Washington D.C. which would have been a major relocation.

Death of his father. Of the seven aspects around this time, those involving P , σ and V are the most appropriate. The V rate may be somewhat high. There appears nothing obvious to differentiate between σ and P , even with Ross Harvey's stated preference for σ aspects at times of death within the family. These two planets were in close opposition at birth. Let's average their two rates.

The Kennedy loss. This is surely As σ Ψ . It is certainly not the MC σ $\odot$ aspect. That may have been associated with Nixon getting his party's nomination some months before but it is obviously inappropriate for the embarrassing loss he suffered. As σ M is not impossible, and one can argue for averaging the M and Ψ rates, but let's stay with Ψ 's.

Death of his mother. Besides the σ aspect we've already examined, the h and P aspects must also be possible. As we did for the death of his father, we'll average the σ and P rates.

Elected President. The D aspect. There's no reason to change this.

Nixon's resignation. The same three planets, σ , P and h , are here again. Although there seems no obvious reason for preferring any one over the other two, let's use h 's 4.4822 rate.

Table 9 lists these decisions and averages them.

Table 9: Estimating final LSRev rate

Event	Planets involved	Possible Rate
Harold	skip this	-
Marriage	h	4.5068
Tricia	$\odot$	4.3496
Congress	average of $\odot$ & h	4.4020
Father	average of σ & P	4.4458
JFK loss	Ψ	4.4591
Mother	average of σ & P	4.3674
President	D	4.4333
Resigned	h	4.4822

Average of eight : 4.4308

or a rate of 4.43 ° per year

Richard Nixon died on April 22, 1994. This was 103 days after his 81st birthday, at which time his age was 81.2822 years. Dividing this into 360 gives 4.429 as the actual rate of his Life Span Revolution. Rounded to two decimal places this is 4.43 ° per year!

Should anyone suppose that knowledge of Nixon's actual life span biased the decisions of which aspects to include in Table 9, they should note that three deaths in his family pointed to an average rate of 4.46 (see Table 3) and that the tabulation of rates associated with nine events in Table 8b clearly points to the rate being between 4.42 and 4.459, the midpoint of which is 4.44. In a somewhat mechanical manner, therefore, following the process outlined both in the present article and also in Ross Harvey's original articles and booklet, we have been able to determine Nixon's LSRev rate and therefore his life span. It should also be noted that the

last event used in this analysis, Nixon's resignation, occurred in 1974, nearly twenty years before his death.

Knowing the Nixon's LSRev rate really is 4.43, we can now go back to Table 7 and re-evaluate our different choices. This will help improve our decision process for the next study we make.

ONCE the rate of the Life Span Revolution is known we can use it to better understand how particular planets have and are working in a person's life. We are unable to do this to the same extent with traditional directions or progressions as, with the exception of the secondary ☽, the progressed and directed planets and angles can only cover a portion of the natal horoscope. With the LSRev the moving angles cross each planet in the horoscope and they pass through each of the twelve houses. A brief example using Nixon's chart will serve. The key aspect combination in Nixon's birth chart is the opposition from ☾ to the triple conjunction of ☿, ♂ and ♃. In five of the nine events listed in Table 5, this combination was highlighted by the moving angles.

Richard Nixon will be especially remembered because of Watergate and his subsequent resignation from the presidency. At that time, by direct LSRev motion, the Ascendant was crossing his Xth house ♂ ☾ and opposing his IVth House ♂ ♂ ☿ ♃ combination. In Table 10 we compare Nixon's age when the moving Ascendant made these exact aspects and his age when key events occurred.

Table 10: Aspects by direct Ascendant during the Watergate hearings

Aspect made by ASC d	Nixon's Age for the exact aspect	Associated Event	Nixon's Age at the time of the event
♂ ☾	60.1784	Watergate committee begins	60.3507
♂ ♂	60.4519	Dean's damaging testimony	60.4575
♂ ♀	60.5175	Butterfield tells of tapes	60.5068
♂ ♃	60.9256	Impeachment inquiry starts	61.0767

The individual planetary symbolism is quite stunning.

☾ was triggered by the moving Ascendant when the investigation into the Watergate break-in began. What was hidden would now come to light. As it happened, transiting ☾ had been squaring natal ☾ at the time of the actual break-in. The LSRev aspect was exact two months before the commencement of the Watergate hearings in May 1973, very close to the

time in March when Judge John Sirica announced that he had received a letter from one of the accused Watergate burglars stating that persons high in the administration were responsible for Watergate and were trying to cover up the scandal. Without this letter the Watergate grand jury would have ceased to be in existence.

Until John Dean testified it appeared very likely that Nixon would be able to avoid any personal damage, but the events coincident with the σ aspect quickly put paid to that. Note the closeness in time of Dean's testimony and the aspect becoming exact.

All that remained was for Dean's evidence to be substantiated. It was. As the ASC moved to ζ , the communications expert Herbert Butterfield revealed that Nixon had secretly taped all conversations in the Oval Office. Proof existed for Dean statements. It was the presence of these tapes that eventually brought Nixon down.

Finally, as the moving ASC came to ψ , the impeachment proceedings commenced. The legal process that would force Nixon from office six months later began as the planet that rules the Law was opposed by the moving Ascendant.

The Life Span Revolution is a most valuable addition to the astrologer's tool kit. The astrologer must first identify the life span and the associated rate of movement; thereafter an excellent instrument is available, both for improving our understanding of the effects of various planetary combinations and, in the case of subjects still alive, for predicting the nature and timing of future events in the life. To know oneself, at least astrologically, one must first come face to face with one's own mortality; having done so the opportunity is gained to better understand the past and future of one's life.



Basic program for finding RAMC for planet on angles

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10  'PROGRAM LONG-RAMC
20  'FINDS RAMC FOR GIVEN LONGITUDE ON ASC AND
    DESC
30  PRINT "TO FIND THE RAMC FOR GIVEN LONG ON
    MC, ASC & DESC. RAIC = RAMC + 180"
40  PRINT "YOU ENTER OBLIQUITY, GEO LATITUDE"
50  PRINT "AND LONG OF PLANET"
100 PI = 4*ATN(1)
110 DR = PI/180
120 RD = 180/PI
130 DEF FNQ(X) = FIX(X)+((X-FIX(X))*100/60)
140 DEF FNY(X) = ATN(SQR(1-X*X)/X): REM ARC-COSINE
    FUNCTION
260 INPUT "OBLIQUITY AS DECIMAL = ? ";OC
270 INPUT "GEO LATITUDE AS DECIMAL = ? ";LA
280 L = DR*LA
290 INPUT "LONG OF PLANET AS DDD.MM = ? "; V
300 A = FNQ(V)
310 A = DR*A
320 OB = DR*OC
330 RAH = ATN(TAN (A) * COS (OB))
340 IF RAH < 0 THEN RAH = RAH + PI
350 RAA = RD*RAH
360 DE = FNY(SIN(RAH)*TAN(OB)*(-TAN(L)))
370 DIF = RD*DE
380 RM = RAA - DIF + 180
390 RP = RAA + DIF + 180
400 PRINT "FOR ASC = " RD*A " RA OF ASC = "RAA
410 PRINT " AND RAMC = "RM
420 PRINT "RAMC WHEN DESCENDING = " RP
430 INPUT " MORE SAME PLACE = 1, CHANGE PLACE = 2,
    ELSE QUIT"; Z
440 IF Z = 1 THEN GOTO 290
450 IF Z = 2 THEN GOTO 270
460 IF Z > 2 THEN END
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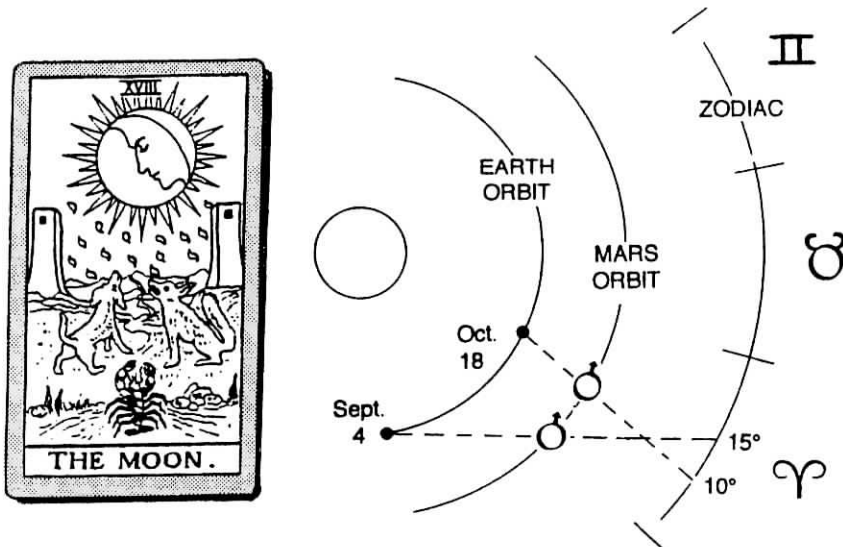
Note: This is the uncleaned source code of a program in regular use. RAMC for planet ascending may output as RAMC for planet descending and vice versa. Values are correct, they may require sensible allocation.

Retrogrades

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THE FIRST STEP in beginning to understand the process of retrogrades is to visualize how the phenomenon operates. It is obvious upon reflection that planets do not change their objective motion from forward to backward and then forward again. Nevertheless this is the apparent phenomenon that we observe.

Figure 1 illustrates how the perception of retrograde motion can occur. Although this illustration is not astronomically accurate, it nonetheless represents the basic phenomenon of how, from the earth's vantage point, planets appear to move backwards through the Zodiac. Because of the earth's faster relative motion a slower-moving $\♂$ appears to have moved backwards from its apparent position at $15^\circ \text{ } \Upsilon$ on September 4th to $10^\circ \text{ } \Upsilon$ on October 18th.



The Moon Reversed is the Tarot card that corresponds to the phenomenon of retrogrades. Eileen Connolly in *Tarot: A Handbook for the Apprentice*, says about this card: 'Don't take any risks at this time. Possibility of misunderstanding. Don't make changes. Wait until the storm is over. Don't waste energies in arguments or disagreements. Hold on to your point of view and add a dash of patience.' Rachel Pollock, in *Seventy Eight Degrees of Wisdom* (Part 1), says, '...it shows a struggle against experience.'

The basic principle of any retrograde planet is one of a deflection from ongoing action in favor of necessary introversion. The impulses normally associated with the direct-motion planet are resisted. The resistance to action compelled by outer circumstances and pressures is the result of memories of being misled or undone by blind acceptance of the direct-motion impulses of the particular planet.

R THE SYMBOL of the retrograde appropriately suggests a prescription. Indeed, the retrograde is a prescription for undoing deep conditioning. It rejects, rebels, withdraws from, and questions normal social imprinting. A basic component of the interpretation is that a past lifetime elicits a lesson in this life. A failure or excess in the past is causing recreation, reflection, and review. The sense here is 'Give me another chance.' There is failure to conform to the world's expectations of the status quo. A recent book, *The Bringers of the Dawn* by Barbara Marciniak, refers to 'system busters.' A retrograde in an individual's chart refers to the destiny of that person to pursue a system-busting life with regards to the drive of the planet involved.

Retrogrades require the creation of a separate world individually defined through the resistance to status-quo pressures that the retrograde individual experiences. The retrograde will symbolize a failure to be accorded worldly expectation of success in relation to the drives of the planet involved. Instead an inward reflection process occurs. The retrograde planet will give clues to childhood experiences of 'differentness.' One is not like others. One is intent upon learning how 'not to do it.' How to resist the pressures of forcing conformity. A song written by Willie Nelson, *Still is Still Moving to Me*, has lines in it that aptly capture the spirit of the retrograde:

"It's hard to explain how I feel,
It won't go in words but
I know that it's real...."

For example, consider ♄ ♀: words don't mean what they are supposed to. The use of logic, rationality, communication, information processing, and the commerce of ideas for individual profit or for expediency are seen as futile, leading nowhere progressive (forward). One is intent on 'deciphering' the missed steps of communication. The impulse to openly share ideas and points of view so as to arrive at an expedient solution to value conflicts, ♀, is distrusted.

Noel Tyl in his excellent *Holistic Astrology* says that the retrograde implies a "private, inner stratum of awareness." In St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 16 verse 26, Jesus is quoted as saying, "...between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to

you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.” The awareness of the incommunicable, incommensurable nature of experience intervenes between the retrograde native’s inner reactions and his or her knowledge of what’s expected in outer relations. The retrograde suggests a sense of a gulf, an abyss between one’s inner awareness and the pressures to conform to the outside world’s expectation for his/her behavior. Inescapably, this leads to the development of inner sophistication as one realizes that one is like ‘a stranger in a strange land.’ There is usually a sense of irony, difference, wariness, frustration, or futility in attempting to unite with those who blindly and unreflectively march onward without any doubts. The retrograde individual has ‘second thoughts’ about the taken-for-granted aspect of the planetary impulses experienced by direct-motion natives.

One obvious insight into the possible manifestation of the retrograde planet is that it lacks ‘forward momentum.’ Past-life material is intruding into the present. The retrograde represents a need to align with the spirit/☉ viewpoint, not the geocentric viewpoint. Obviously, there is no perception of retrograde motion possible from a heliocentric viewpoint. The period of time during which a planet appears to be retrograde is only derived from the perspective of an observer upon the earth. The earth’s viewpoint of the heavens creates this perception. From the ☉’s viewpoint, there is no retrograde. This leads one to see that the retrograde period of time is one in which the earth is forced to abandon its relativistic perspective and to take on the objective viewpoint of the ☉ (spirit). Thus the individual’s concerns for cohesiveness with the forms of behavior that knit humanity into a fabric of security are counterpointed with the knowledge of the relativity and subjectivity of that viewpoint.

There is a responsibility to resist status-quo movement, and instead to reform and adjust social autonomy. The retrograde represents a blockage. This blockage seems like a stumbling block. One is intrinsically different. There is usually a delay of individual satisfaction until the individual emerges from the womb of sameness (the Tarot Moon-Reversed). This process seems to represent the individual’s path toward development of a conscience (heliocentric perspective?). One feels the need to be a governor of the mad race of humanity in its blind forward dash. Here is someone who will not go along with the program. To the extent that these individuals do go along with it, they are abandoning their own heart and soul: their hero/heroine’s quest. These retrograde urges are not for ourselves alone. They are for the people behind us as well. Retrograde represents the process of individuals taking on the cultural stresses of transformation that culture needs into one’s self and having it effect one physically. Usually this is perceived as being in a negative way, so that one lives out within one’s body and nerves the problems of one’s culture. Retrograde

people are potentially healers of their culture as they are agents of change and 'system busters' as regards the planetary dynamics involved.

The retrograde has the significance of misuse of the dynamic of the planet in a prior life. Past life lessons of conformity to status quo have left a karmic residue of distrust of blind conformity to societal pressures. Retrogrades move you in to see the inner structure of the energy. Retrogrades expose the inner reality. They get the native beyond outer appearances into inner realities. The direct motion of a planet is creating; the retrograde is observing consequences and stepping back. The purpose of the retrogrades is to clean up unfinished business. The native is freed from the pressing (Direct?) responsibilities of going forward, and is allowed to address unresolved problems. There is time to unearth the mistakes of the past, and to free oneself from the karmic bondage of the mistakes that one has made.

One may assume a hypothesis for heuristic reasons. The objective truth of the hypothesis will not be argued for. Rather the usefulness of the hypothesis in representing to our minds a similarity between model and reality is our goal. Hypothetically speaking then, assume the earth to possess conscious awareness from her first emergence. As the eons passed, that awareness extended to the other members of the system to which she belonged. The unique quality of each other member of her solar family was delved deeply and completely. Participating consciousness did not stop at mere superficial appearances, but the core nature and quality of each planet was plumbed and understood. Orbit, inclination, revolution, satellites, gravitational field, electromagnetic field, atmosphere, density, mass, elemental composition, and much, much more was digested, not merely in an intellectual way, but the very qualities each planet represented were understood, accepted, and integrated within the earth's receptive nature. Gaia (the earth's name) cloned each and every one of the entities she found sharing space with her. Her conscious awareness of the unique qualities of the other planets was represented in the emergence of forms that resonated to the unique qualities of each of the other planets.

One of the unique aspects of her watching was that at times the progress of the planets through space appeared to be interrupted. Issues that had already been addressed (the integration of the quality of the planet with the quality of the zodiacal space it was occupying by transit) had to be 'reexamined.' A 'return' to awareness of the issues and a 'redress of error' or of incompleteness of prior process was made possible. These retrograde planets did not work in a normal fashion. They were 'going against the grain, against the tide'. They were 'retreating' from the status quo. There was the experience of 'withdrawal, review, reflection, doubt' and 'repair' associated with the normal function the planet now represented in its clonally-conceived form here in Gaia. Karma of

'incompleteness, unresolvedness' or 'prior misuse' could now be 'readdressed or redressed.'

The following listing of fifty useful key concepts may extend your understanding of the retrograde phenomenon.

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| 1. A focal point for development | 25. Prescription, R |
| 2. Redoing | 26. Work at |
| 3. Reflection | 27. Doubly responsible |
| 4. Individuation (in tune with its rotation, not its revolution) | 28. Misuse in the past |
| 5. Correction | 29. Debt owed |
| 6. Withdrawal from the <i>status quo</i> | 30. Interject |
| 7. Going against the grain | 31. Being taught |
| 8. Not for advancement | 32. Retreat |
| 9. The individual emphasizes resistance to social evolution | 33. Rebel against the <i>status quo</i> |
| 10. Questioning, hesitancy, doubt | 34. Rejection of the <i>status quo</i> |
| 11. Backward, awkward, blind | 35. Counterpoint to social conformity |
| 12. Looking forward, moving backward | 36. Private inner stratum of awareness |
| 13. Uncertainty, seeking certainty by exploring past mistakes | 37. Clean up unfinished business |
| 14. Learning to become a teacher | 38. Freed from pressing responsibilities of going forward |
| 15. Unable to accept | 39. Allowed to address unresolved problems |
| 16. Lacking spontaneity | 40. Strangely detached |
| 17. Over-importance | 41. Resistant to manipulation |
| 18. Exaggeration | 42. Reform and adjust social autonomy |
| 19. That which pulls you backward | 43. Responsibility to resist conforming |
| 20. Summer school | 44. Lacking in forward momentum |
| 21. Different | 45. Past-life material intrudes into the present |
| 22. Redress | 46. Reexamination |
| 23. Learn | 47. Inscrutable to others |
| 24. Second chance | 48. Unreactive |
| | 49. Disappear |
| | 50. Review |

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Planetary Stock Selection

BILL MERIDIAN

FIRST TRADE Charts are horoscopes set up for the date that an issue began trading on a given exchange. The time is that of the opening of trading for the exchange on that day. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the smaller bourses began trading at 10 a.m. until September 30, 1985. Starting on that date, trading began at 9:30 a.m. Subsequent horoscopes are set for this earlier time. The center of activity is Wall Street so all charts are set for New York City.

A bit of explanation about the history of a company and its shares will be helpful in understanding this concept. First, a business opens its doors. Then, if it has not done so already, it incorporates. If shares are sold to the public, the sale takes place through an underwriter. The underwriter lines up buyers and then sells stock on the initial public offering (IPO) date. This puts a supply of stock in public and institutional hands. About five business days later, the stock begins trading. A major new issue of a leading company may be listed directly on the NYSE, as Readers Digest was on February 15, 1990. The two dates, IPO and first listing, occur close together. I have found the first trade date to be the more important of the two. Customarily, the chairman or president of the company will go to the floor of the exchange and make a token, personal purchase of 100 or 1,000 shares to kick off the trading. In the words of a NYSE official, trading begins "almost immediately." The choice of the 9:30 or 10:00 am time for the charts is supported by fact. The data I use for these first trade charts was gathered from the various exchanges since 1974. Data on the NYSE stocks was obtained from the research area of the Exchange. OTC dates are from the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASDAQ).

INCORPORATION horoscopes tell us about the fundamental and ongoing operations of the company. In short, if the chart is afflicted, the company faces a host of challenges. Takeovers, strikes, changes in management, the success of new product releases, etc. are all reflected in this chart.

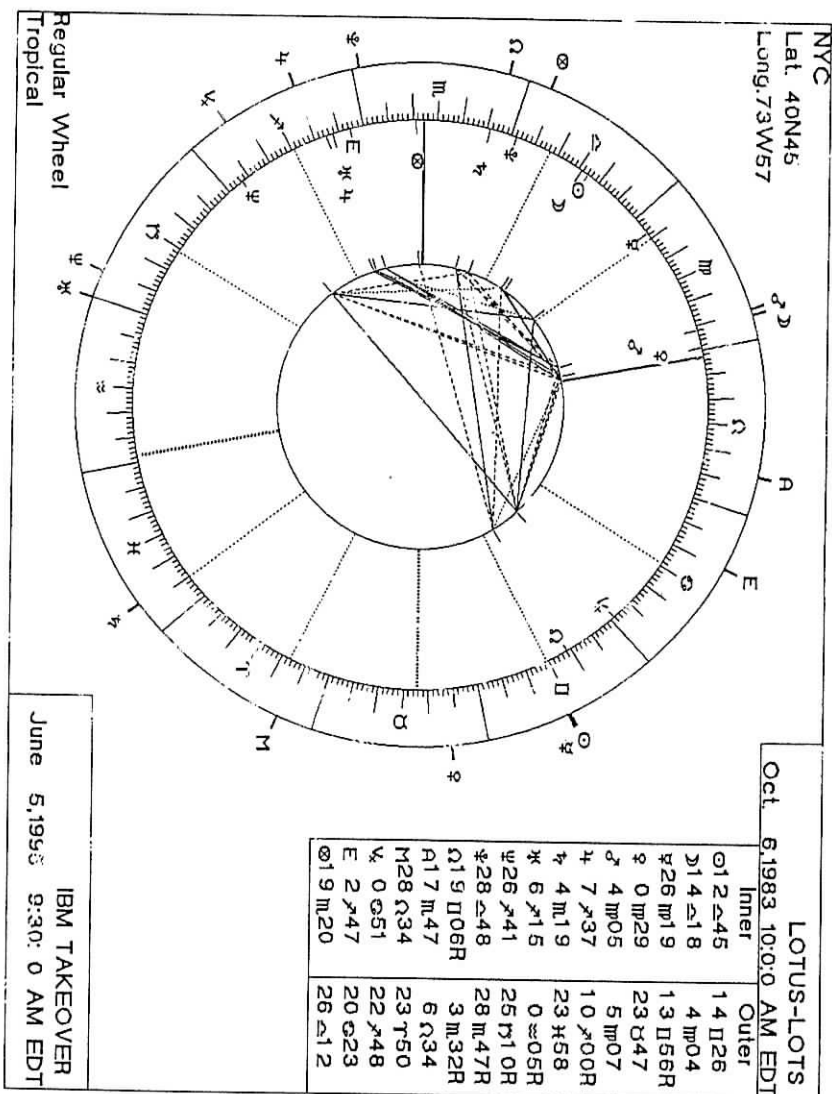
Even the physical appearance of the company can be seen. For example, timed charts of both Warner Communications and Paine Webber show Venus on the Ascendant. Both companies have extensive art collections. The latter's display adorns the ground floor atrium on New York City's 6th Avenue at 51st Street.

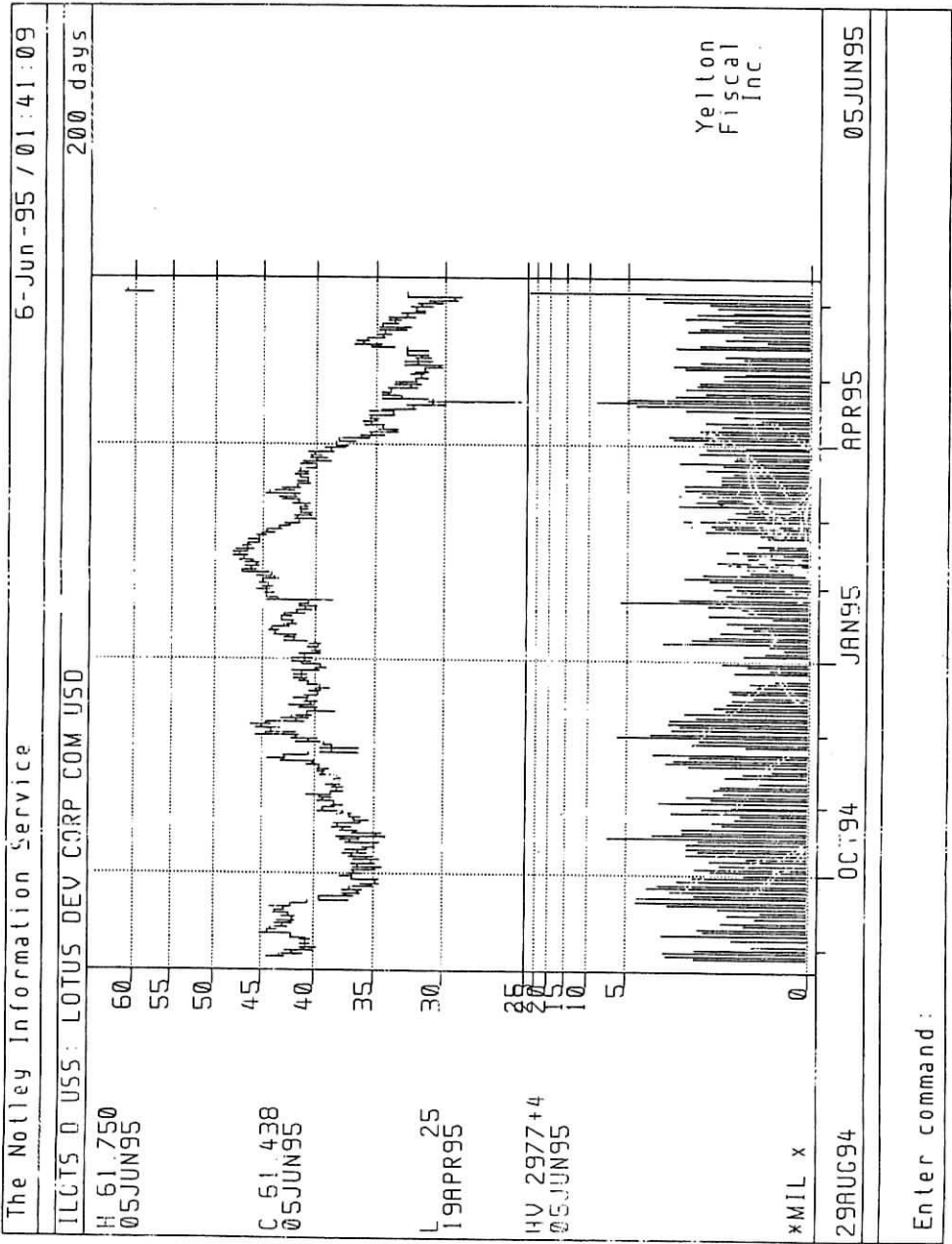
The incorporation chart is a mundane chart. In such a chart, the public is symbolized by the Moon and the public image is represented by the midheaven. Work by Charles Jayne demonstrated that energization of these areas in the incorporation chart effects the company's share price. But the rest of the chart does not. For example, when I was at Paine Webber, Pluto moved back and forth over the Sun. The company replaced its president. He announced a reorganization. The company's leading broker was busted for laundering money. Then the new president was fired and a new one was hired. He, of course, announced a new reorganization. None of these events affected the share price because these are not the types of matters that hurt earnings and therefore not the things that investors will focus upon.

In contrast, the entire first trade chart reflects investor interest and concerns. I now believe that the parts of the horoscope that are currently being energized reflect the focus of Wall Street at that time. The planets represent those aspects of the stock that investors are basing their decisions upon.

CHART 1 is the first trade horoscope of Lotus with the transits for June 5, 1995. IBM offered \$60 per share on that day (see graph 1). The stock had closed around 30 on the day before. Note that Jupiter had passed over the natal Jupiter-Uranus conjunction and was about to retrograde back over it. In addition, Neptune is in late Sagittarius while there are three planets in Virgo and the Node in Gemini, all in fourth harmonic aspect from transiting Jupiter. This should have been enough to attract attention to the effect of Jupiter upon this horoscope.

Graph 2 presents the technical picture of Lotus. The top chart represents the last 200 days of trading. The bottom, left chart is the weekly graph while the last chart is monthly price action. The center strip in each chart is a momentum oscillator. It is calculated by deducting a 15-period moving average of price from a 5-period moving average of price. This quantity is then expressed as a 3-period moving average. When the histogram is below the zero line, the stock is termed oversold. When it is high above the zero line, it is called overbought. Sometimes, the oscillator diverges from the price line as in the weekly chart. Note that price made one low in 1995 and a lower low in 1995. The oscillator made a low in 1994, but made a higher low in 1995, a bullish divergence. The monthly chart is not giving the same clear-cut positive signal, but it is oversold. This is an indication that most of the decline has already occurred. Lastly, note that the daily chart was giving the same bullish signal as was the weekly chart. In addition, the converging lines drawn on the weekly chart trace out a pattern known as a falling wedge, usually a sign of an impending reversal to the upside.





American Power Conversion (APCC on NASDAQ) had a very similar technical picture, but the astrology was different. APCC began trading on July 2, 1988 at 9:30 a.m. EDT. One might have been tempted to buy in March with the price near 19. But analysis of the first trade chart showed Saturn about to pass over Mars. The stock fell to 15 in April, despite the positive technical indications. The difference was the option of buying the stock at 19 or buying at 15. The shares rebounded to 19 in May and June. APCC will likely outperform the market in the second half of 1995.

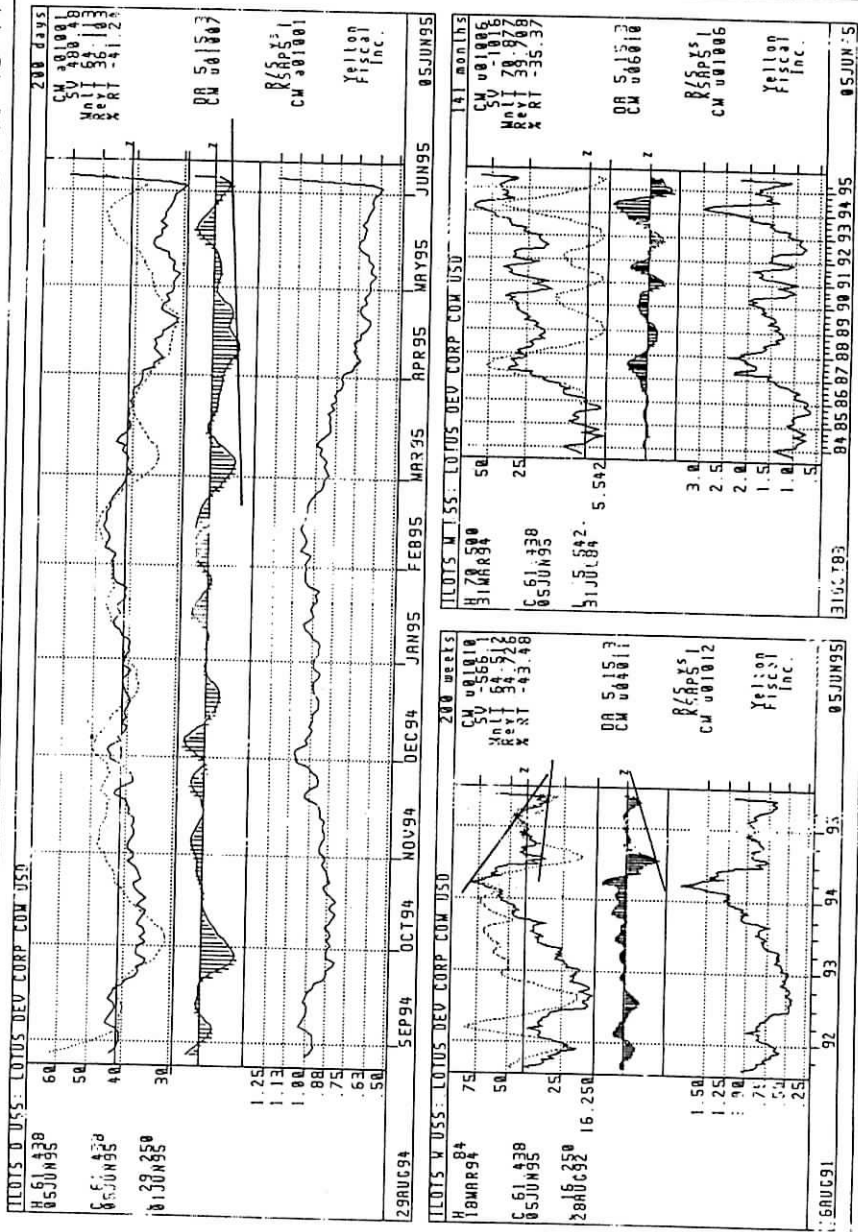
There were dozens of stocks that were giving the same technical signals. But LOTS moved while most of the others did not or moved a lot less. The difference was the bullish first trade horoscope. The technical picture was the pile of dry leaves, and the horoscope was the flame. This is the astrological edge. In 1994, this technique was largely responsible for the outperformance of the portfolio under my management: a thirty percent rise versus a two percent rise in the S&P 500.

Here is the data on 10 interesting stocks:

COMPANY	TICKER SYMBOL	EXCHANGE	DATE
StorageTek	STK	NYSE	6/10/75
Disney	DIS	NYSE	11/12/57
Goodyear	GT	NYSE	8/5/27
Eastman Kodak	EK	NYSE	4/12/05
IBM	IBM	NYSE	2/14/24
Philip Morris	MO	NYSE	3/15/23
Sun Microsystems	SUNW	NASDAQ	3/4/86
Amgen	AMGN	NASDAQ	6/17/83
Apple	AAPL	NASDAQ	12/12/80
Intel	INTC	NASDAQ	8/7/81

AMGN and SUNW moved up in the first half when Jupiter passed over Sagittarius planets in both charts.

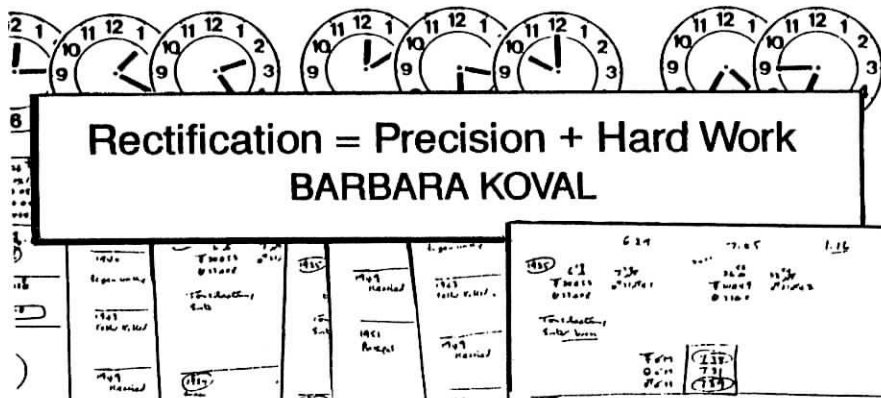
Avoid those charts that make difficult aspects to your own. Experience has proven that one will have a difficult time with such stocks. The technical indicators give one an idea of where the stock is in its cycle. It is similar to the practice of the astrologer taking a life history from a client.



Enter command:

Who ?

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- **Nick Sutherland** is now retired from the airforce and living in San Antonio, Texas. He is currently investigating the LSRev and rectification methods.
- **Prier Wintle** is a consulting astrologer with many years experience, whose writings frequently appear in the leading astrological journals. Prier has worked in England, New Zealand and South Africa. He now lives in Cape Town.



IN PRINCIPLE rectification is simple. Uncover the past history, you uncover the natal chart. In practice rectification is the most difficult and ultimately the most enlightening process an astrologer, no matter how experienced, can attempt. When put to the test even the best astrologers can arrive at different birth times and different Ascendants. This is not the result of incompetence, but of lax standards.

TECHNIQUE

A single rectification technique is insufficient to validate a birth time, although it can produce a workable chart. An astrologer can "rectify" a chart to a system. Rectification to a system is not the same as producing the actual birth time. To arrive at a birth time one must produce a chart that works in most, if not all, systems. The rectification of the United States chart, published in previous issues¹, worked to primary arcs, solar arcs, secondary progressions, transits, and the activity of the ruling planet. This is not to say that these are the appropriate tech-

niques or the only valid ones, but primary and solar arcs should be included in any attempt to find an accurate birth time. After that, you can use Uranian, tertiaries, harmonics, anything available in your repertory of knowledge and skills. However, if you can get primaries and solar arcs to match, you have achieved a formidable and possibly impregnable result.

PRECISION

The orb for primary and solar arc directions is five minutes (5'). There are books published by reputable astrologers that give an orb of one degree. Absolutely wrong. One degree orbs are only valid with secondary progressions. Larger orbs apply to transits, but only after the primary and solar arcs are worked out. In practice this means you have to spend hours adding up all those teeny, tiny degree increments. Incidentally, some computer programs are little help. Maybe it is a matter of confusion with respect to terminology and/or astrological technique, but computer-generated directions seldom advance the Ascendant by the age arc or solar arc. If you use only the Ascendant generated by

¹ *Considerations* VIII:4, IX:1, and IX:2.

the ongoing MC, you lose a whole set of contacts. If you try to rectify by transits, you are using one of the sloppiest methods in our astrological bag of tricks. The 24th Harmonic produces four values that activate any given Ascendant and MC. Transit searches may produce either the actual number on the angle or its 24th Harmonic. In the absence of an approximate time, any rectification must apply precision techniques to four possible numbers in twenty-four possible Signs — twelve each on the Ascendant and on the MC.

The first thing I did when I started studying astrology was rectify my own chart. I had the old *A to Z Delineator* and carefully applied Llewellyn George's instructions to my approximate chart, using primary arcs. In a couple of hours I came up with a chart that has served me well for over twenty-five years. A Uranian astrologer later reached the same conclusion. Knowing what I know now, that initial success was a combination of luck and a close approximation of the birth time, stated as sunrise. If you are very close to begin with, you have a chance of being right with a single technique and a few good hours of application.

When I was doing the United States chart, I ended up testing almost every *minute* of probable longitude on the U.S. Ascendant from 0° to 11° ♈. You would be amazed at how many degrees and minutes work, until you try to

make them conform to a system, different from the first one used.

SELECTION OF EVENTS

Good old Llewellyn George stated that you must only use events that occurred before age 30. The reason for this is very clear. The older you get the wider apart are your radix and progressed planets. With so many planets that hardly move, Uranian astrology has to be the best vehicle for rectification.

When I was doing the United States chart, I limited myself to the first thirty years to discover the angle. I used subsequent timed activities to prove it worked.

Early events tend to be "pure." They are more likely to be out of one's control because of the powers that be (parents, governments, laws, etc.) or the result of primal drives, immaturity, or a lack of discipline. A fledgling nation has to set up a government, pass laws, elect officials, and deal with friends and foes. Institutions and policies are established early. As time passes new laws may be passed for a multitude of reasons. Totally different planets can stimulate different actions, though the event seems the same. An act of war in the early years of the country may not be a matter of choice. In later times it might be an aggressive act, a noble act, a defensive act, or an edict to serve the ego of an individual or a group in power. All of these look different with various forecasting techniques.

Primary arcs appear to be the most fated. Solar arcs show fate intermingled with a power response. ♀ often shows up in the directions associated with war. The Revolutionary war was a totally self-sacrificing act (just look at the difference in equipment and resources) built on a philosophic vision for the advancement of an anonymous and powerless population. In the U.S. the “silent majority” is indeed the dominant power with ♀ in the Xth.

TIME SPENT

Those who believe they can rectify a chart in a few hours — unless they are only cleaning up the minutes on an already reasonably accurate chart — should think twice. I would estimate something on the order of twenty hours for a chart where the Ascendant is approximately known, say within the realm of three Signs. The work on my rectification of the U.S. chart took about five years — obviously not full time; but thinking about it, trying new tacks, searching out information that might be useful. Five minute orbs are pretty tough.

PERIPHERAL corroboration: If you are doing a person, you should have a picture. You should know the career, the immediate family structure, and how the person got along with parents and siblings. These help you find the correct Ascendant. In my early naive years, I was asked to

find not only the birth time but the birthday of a man who had been a foundling. He was left in a basket on the doorstep of a newspaper office. Literally weeks were spent testing out days and times, trying to find a chart that would match the circumstance of his abandonment-discovery and the events of his life. Awakening from a dream about this challenge (that’s how intense the quest had become) I immediately calculated the Ascendant. It turned out to be the ♃ Sign of a day that was out of the estimated time range. But, it fit all the information he had given me. Through all these agonizing calculations, I had never laid eyes on the man. What a relief, when he walked in the door to collect the fruits of a 30-year search. I had given him ♃ in ♋ rising. He looked the part.

While I have not done many of these ultimate challenges, the ones I have done have worked through the years. This does not mean they are the correct birth time or day, only that they have produced working and workable charts.

Things like appearance, degree interpretations, and ruling planet activity validate the Ascendant, which is the most important angle of any chart. If you have ♀ rising, you will move to the rhythms of ♀. Every aspect will produce an event, however minor, in your life. Every shift and change will pull you into a new project or end an ongoing one. If the ruling planet does not time most activity, you have the

wrong Ascendant. Period. If the natal chart does not describe the circumstances of your delivery, the context into which you were born, you do not have the right chart. I have ♄ closely ☐ to my Ascendant. My original birth certificate not only misspelled my name but had the wrong date. I was born on a Monday, designated a holiday because Memorial Day was on Sunday. The date entered was May 30th, an understandable mistake. It figures. It fits.

Rectification is a most difficult and a highly rewarding project.

Apart from rigorous and brutal self-analysis and observations of people, personal and professional, I have learned most astrology from three sources: Rectification, Historical Research, and Financial Data correlations. These have taught me the mechanics of the astrological model. The mechanics are simple and precise. So must be their implementation. Extrapolation from the mechanics produces inconsistent results only if the attempt is done with one hand tied behind the brain.

Let's Consider

Vesta unmasked as a planet

"Vesta, the brightest of the asteroids, has been found to be a planet in its own right. The Hubble space telescope shows that Vesta has its own molten core and is of similar geology to Mercury, Venus, the Moon, Earth and Mars."

The Weekly Telegraph, London,
May 10, 1995.

The Comet of 97

A large bright comet is due to pass near the sun in April 1997. It was discovered in July 1995 and named Hale-Bopp after Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp, the amateur astronomers who independently discovered it. Early calculations suggest the comet has a 3,000-year period. Brian Marsden of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass. says that it may qualify as the first 'really good' comet visible to the naked eye in two decades.

David Dozier writes:

Three methods of calculating and tabulating the power, harmony and discord used in Astrodynes are:

1. *The hard way:* The manual method following the precise and explicit rules and tables given in *The Astrodyne Manual* by Elbert Benjamin. Another book giving the instructions for manual calculations is that by Ken Stone, *Astrodynes*.

2. *An easier way:* Use an Astrodyne computer program such as the one by Halloran Software, P.O. Box 75713, Los Angeles, CA 90075. This program is for IBM PC's and compatibles. It is an accurate computerized replication of Astrodynes created by Elbert Benjamin. To calculate Astrodynes by hand for one chart takes about ten hours. This program will calculate and print the Astrodynes for a chart in about two minutes, depending on the printer speed.

3. The easiest way: Have your Astrodynes computed by a commercial service such as Astro Communications Services, Inc. 5521 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123. Their one page printout is complete. It shows the power, harmony and discord of the planets, ASC & MC, the Signs, the houses, the triplicities, the qualities, trinities, societies, volume, emanations, as well as the quadrant and hemisphere totals, all for a \$2.00 add-on charge when ordering any basic chart service.

Advanced students will no doubt already have *Astrology—30 Years Research* by Doris Chase Doane, in which she devotes two chapters (VI & VII) to the tables and a brief outline of the calculation of stellar dynamics. However, whether beginner or professional, it is very important that one has and uses the information in the two recommended books on the use of Astrodynes: *Delineation with Astrodynes* by Ken Stone, which contains the kind of ready-made text interpretations which are helpful to a beginner, and *How to Read Cosmodynes* by Doris Chase Doane, which approaches a chart's Astrodynes analytically, and is thus especially helpful to a counselor.

The serious student wanting to learn about and utilize the principles of the Hermetic System of Astrology and Stellar Dynamics should write or call The Church of Light, 2341 Coral Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031-2916 (telephone: 213-226-0453) for a free catalog and information on their correspondence study course and wholesale and retail book orders.

—San Antonio, Texas

John Willner writes:

I have recently been questioning whether the NYSE May 17, 1792 chart, the reorganization chart of May 1869, or the reincorporation chart of February 18, 1971 applied to the behavior of the stock market. Then Carol Mull published her article in *Considerations* (X:2). I am grateful. She has compiled useful historical data, and I am in agreement that horoscopes can stand correct for centuries. Moreover, I have several of her books on corporations, and know a number of financial specialists who make use of the information she produces.

Nevertheless, while having this great respect for Carol's contributions to financial astrology, I cannot remain silent about her NYSE horoscope. I believe readers will be misled if they try to use it. Being a strong advocate of astrological standardization, let me respectfully point out some discrepancies and recommend an alternative. Leo is shown on the Ascendant. Leo portrays a regal personality and typical benevolence towards others. The NYSE, on the other hand, provides a detailed financial service, and I have never known it to be altruistic in any way. Where I learned astrology the eighth house was — and still is, so far as I know — the domain of other people's money. A stock exchange horoscope with a void eighth house is unthinkable. Attempting to prove several crashes to the day with the wrong kinds of progressed non-aspects (well over a degree from the true angles) simply won't fly. And to top matters off, the latitude used is different from the one at 40 Wall Street by over 1¼°. My experience is that day-for-a-year progressions cannot provide accurate timing to a mar-

Market Tops			Market Bottoms		
Date	Main Aspect	Orb	Date	Main Aspect	Orb
10/24/29	ASC _p Δ D _p	1.0'	6/24/62	ℑ _p □ ♀ _p	0.9'
2/11/66	♄ _p ♀	0.4'	5/26/70	♂ _p ♂ ♀	0.3'
1/11/73	E _p ♂ ♀ _p	0.8'			
10/26/87	D _p Δ ♄ _p	0.0'			

ket crash or bottom date with errors of this magnitude.

Now, having made Carol and probably a number of readers upset with me, I request that the reorganization date, May 8, 1869, be re-examined instead of the peculiar time when operations were supposed to have started on the following Monday. Then cast a horoscope for 40° 42' 25" of North latitude and 74° 00' 42" of West longitude if you are serious about timing stock market tops and bottoms to a single day.

I did those things and arrived at some very interesting tentative results. ♄ is now rising, and ♄ is a mutable Sign producing enormous quantities of facts and figures. The eighth house is occupied by three planets — quite an acceptable number for a stock exchange. These determinations form the beginning of a verification procedure.

To continue verifying with numerical data let us look at a few day-for-a-year progressions. Results are tabulated above. Please note that every top was accompanied by an even harmonic aspect; every bottom by an odd harmonic aspect — exactly what would be expected. The nearness to

each theoretical angle is given in parenthesis. Incidentally, tenths of a minutes are equivalent to six seconds of arc. The largest single divergence from a theoretical angle recorded below for six major market turning points was exactly 1.0' (zero degrees: one minute: zero seconds). Even that large a divergence should be qualified. The separation between the progressed Ascendant and progressed D on "Black Thursday", October 29, 1929, after the market had closed in the late afternoon was 119° 59'. With the fast-moving progressed D involved, the actual forces had reached their peak at closer to the exact trine of 120° that morning:

Only the main aspects are shown, and all of these events were accompanied by other triggering combinations. By the way, the appropriateness of these aspects is indicated by the fact that the speculative planets ruling the NYSE investment houses are ♂, D, ♀, ♄ and ♀. Not every market bottom on other dates was accompanied by progressed aspects similar to the one's shown, although in those situations the U.S. Declaration of Independence chart did. For what should

be obvious reasons I am beginning to do a lot more checking.

At any rate, thanks very much Carol Mull. Without your article I might still be looking. And I do hope others will benefit from these comments.

—Tustin, California

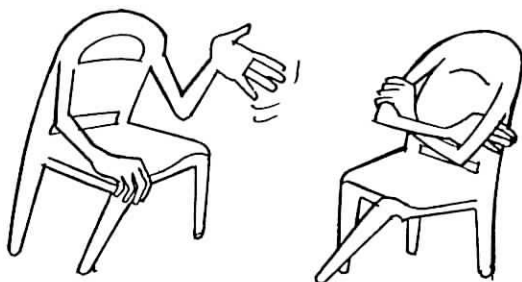
Carol Mull responds:

The latitude and longitude that I used for the New York Stock Exchange reorganization chart are those given for New York City in *The American Atlas*, published by ACS. Since John Willner has the precise latitude and longitude for Wall Street on Manhattan Island that is of course preferable, but 40N42 and 40N45 are not "over one and a quarter degrees different" as he states. The difference is three minutes and one degree goes over the Midheaven every four minutes.

I wish he had sent a copy of his May 8 chart or at least given the time-of-day he is using. LMT was in force in 1869 and it would require a chart set for around 1:30 p.m. to place three planets in the eighth house and Virgo on the ascendant. In my research, I was unable to find a time-of-day that the new constitution became effective on May 8.

As to progressions... with the exception of the Moon, the progressed planets of two charts that are three days apart would have only small differences. And... unless Mr. Willner can somehow verify a time-of-day for his chart, the progressed Midheaven and ascendant should not be considered, which you used in your list for 10-24-29.

Actually, I have been working on this problem for about nine years. I



have considered charts for both Saturday May 8, when the new constitution became effective, and for Tuesday May 11, when business actually began. The events of May 11 are a matter of historical record. The market opened for business at 10:00 a.m., but there were some opening ceremonies for the new organization, and business actually began at 10:30 a.m., according to the records. A bit of rectifying led me to believe that it was actually 10:26 EST.

After extensive study of both May 8 and May 11 charts, I came to the conclusion that the May 11 chart was preferable for two reasons: (1) The time-of-day can be verified. (2) Transits over the natal chart (especially the points of the grand fire trine) operate with precision. You will see it when transit Mars reaches natal Saturn next November 11.

I am not submitting the May 11 chart as an absolute, but merely as the best that I have been able to produce. If through letters from the readers of *Considerations*, such as John Willner's, a better and final answer can be reached, I shall be glad.

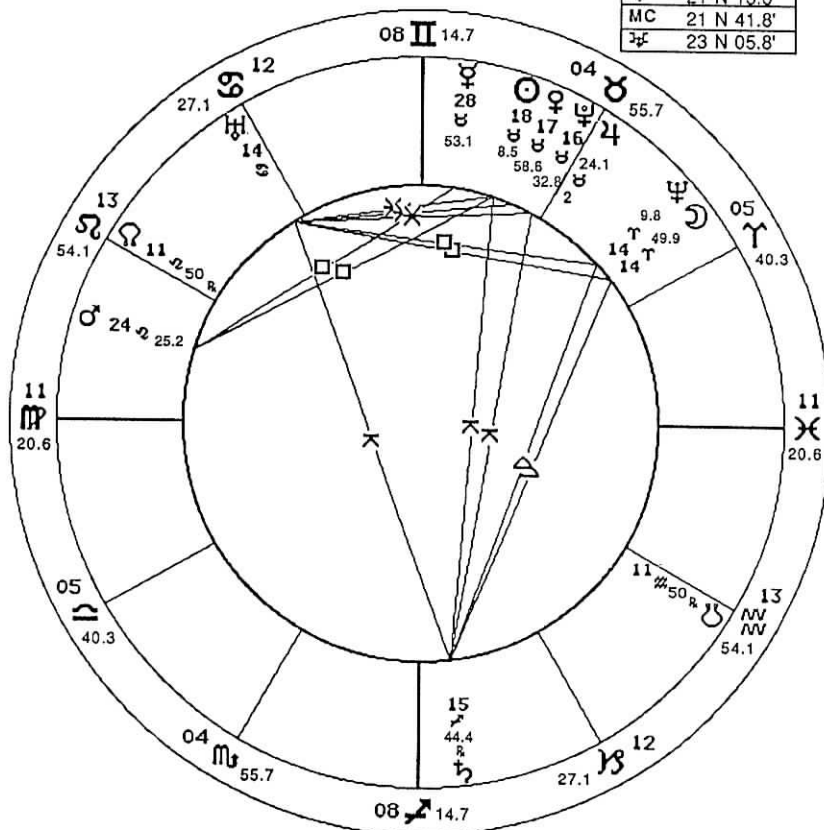
I would like to take this opportunity to correct an oversight in my article. I omitted to mention that Herb Lubitz was my original source for this May 1869 chart. He presented it at the 1st World Conference in Astro-Economics in Chicago in November 1988, and he explained then that the original work had been done by

Fig. 1.

NYSE (REVISED)

MAY 08 1869 01:15:47 PM EST
 NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK
 40 N 42 25 074 W 00 42
 1:19:44 PM TLT 18:15:47 GMT
Tropical Placidus True Node

DECLINATIONS	
♂	01 N 44.0'
♂	02 N 26.8'
♂	05 N 39.3'
Asc	07 N 19.0'
♂	11 N 20.8'
♂	15 N 08.2'
♀	16 N 33.9'
♂	17 N 14.6'
♂	20 S 57.6'
♂	21 N 13.8'
MC	21 N 41.8'
♂	23 N 05.8'



Muriel and Louis Hasbrouk, well-known financial astrologers in the 1930's and 40's. A summary of Mr. Lubitz's talk was subsequently published in my newsletter *The Wall Street Astrologer*.

—Indianapolis, Indiana

The chart advocated by John Willner is now available and is shown above. Concerning it, John says:

For the past fifty-three years I have been using an old (and mainly hidden) astrological algorithm for computing horoscopes. This theorem holds that all births for human beings occur instantaneously as pulses of energy (akin to quantum mechanics).

The converse of this theorem is that horoscopes do not occur at some moment on an analog scale! This pulse of energy can be precisely timed to a fraction of a second. I spent twenty-five years writing a computer program to incorporate the complex algorithm. Horoscope elements were also included. The accuracy is several orders of magnitude more precise than other current programs. All output elements are displayed to at least one-tenth minute or better. The net results of all this precision is in every case remarkable.

A number of years ago I discovered that this INCARN algorithm applied to entities as well as people. The NYSE is an entity, and corporations are entities. For the afternoon of May 8 only one feasible NYSE horoscope appeared to fit. As always, every element appeared to be correct. However, I invariably go through a rigorous verification procedure. The most important steps are associating events with appropriate progressed aspects. When the horoscope is correctly timed they never fail. By all odds the most critical are the progressed Ascendant/Descendant and the progressed MC/IC. The results are completely functional horoscopes — with no exceptions. Whether you care to believe or not is not so important as the results. Results speak louder than words.... The two tables in my letter for market tops and bottoms are examples of what this horoscope has produced.

John C. Hansen writes:

Enclosed find my check of \$60 for a further subscription of two years to *Considerations* and a copy of the booklet *Life Span Revolution*. I have spent a lot of time on this subject and

have proven to myself that astrology is also ruled by ♀, as it is also by ☿ and ♃. My ♀ in ☿ & the ☿ & ♃ is ☐ to ☿ and ♃ ♃. I suspect that the Lords of Karma have dished me a slight problem... or did I do that for myself? I am laughing with you.

I enjoy *Considerations* very much and always look forward to each coming issue.

—McKinleyville, California.

Readers wishing to fully appreciate the cause of John's mirth should consult their long-term ephemeris. With this latest renewal, his sub-scription is now extended to Vol. XIII:4. This clearly demonstrates the value of Ross Harvey's LSRev, and not only to our subscription department.

—Editor.

Dymock Brose writes:

That article on O. J. Simpson by Garry Heaton in the current issue of *Considerations* (X:2) was outstanding — a great practical use of astrology. Congratulations on your excellent publication.

—Blackheath, NSW, Australia

Spencer Grendahl writes:

I opened this issue (Volume X number 2) with interest and immediately read "That Trans-Neptunian Planet" by Prier Wintle. While I find these discussions of such a planet a prelude to the big Daddy Science actually discovering it (Voyager will crash there), it is alarming how far Wintle is willing to go with an ephemeris that is not even as thought out as those the Uranians have. His data seems to leak all over. With no real idea where this Minos is, it is nonsensical to me that long interpretations (using quincunxes and other

"nebulous aspects") should even be attempted; in every case he presented there was no need for Minos to explain the event.

Most lacking I feel was the shine of real scholarship. There have been several attempts to locate this trans-planet, calling the critter Bacchus. See *Transpluto or Should We Call him Bacchus* by John Robert Hawkings, M.S. I must say I liked the name Minos, but like Bacchus more because of the larger cycle of life and death and rebirth that he presents. Thus Minos and Bacchus can both now be called the ruler of Taurus.

I had expected a solid literature search and a comparison of Wintle's ideas with Hawkings, whose book I believe is in wide circulation, at least in Los Angeles astrological circles. Please get a copy of Hawkings' book to Wintle and see what he thinks, his response would be interesting. Oh, if he already has a copy, why did he leave Bacchus out? Bacchus is arguably a better presented idea than Minos. Let's add that Wintle's understanding of the Mithraic Mysteries is at best superficial. According to David Ulansky, author of a book on Mithra, the bull killing stems from the discovery of the precession of the equinox:

'The hero killing the bull would symbolize that cosmic force which had, in ancient times, destroyed the power of the bull by moving the entire cosmic structure in such a way that the spring equinox moved from the constellation of the Bull in its then current position in Aries' p. 83.

—Los Angeles, California



An accurate ephemeris covering the positions of Minos for this century, calculated by Larry Ely and kindly provided by him 'in the interests of research', will be published in the next issue of this magazine. — Editor

Glenn Boughton writes:

Well, your X:2 was a real grabber. Mostly it was the Wintle piece. Agreed, this is astro writing as it needs to be — so please go on.

P.S. Your cartoonist is underpaid.

—Monravia, California

Important Places

AXEL HARVEY

In view of the letter exchange between Carol Mull and John Willner, reprinting the following excerpt from an article by Axel Harvey previously published in Volume IV number 1 of Considerations seems appropriate. Following a discussion of the location of the 1492 Columbus landfall, Axel continued as follows:

SETTING Columbus down in Watling rather than on Samana Cay is equivalent to having someone born in Milwaukee instead of Chicago. It might matter or it might not, depending on the techniques you prefer. If you like to put a certain planet physically on the natal or directed upper meridian, or if you calculate accurate solunar returns with parallax, place may be important to you.

Yet place rarely draws the attention of data buffs or compulsive rectifiers. They will quibble about a second of time, but will draw up the chart of the Declaration of Independence for the middle of modern Philadelphia. I became fastidious about place after doing horoscopes for a number of natives from northern Canada. A few of these were born on traplines around James Bay or Labrador; birth times were reliable, probably because a wristwatch is an easy item to take into the bush, but birthplaces sounded like this: "Near Mount Otish, where our trapline bordered on Cree territory..." Under such circumstances a set of topographic maps is more useful than a time change book.

For the benefit of those who suspect the extra precision might help them, here are the exact geographic coordinates of a few important places. They are expressed to the nearest tenth of an arc minute: in the case of large public buildings greater precision is impossible, unless one can specify a particular room.

In all cases sources were a combination of large-scale government maps and street maps.

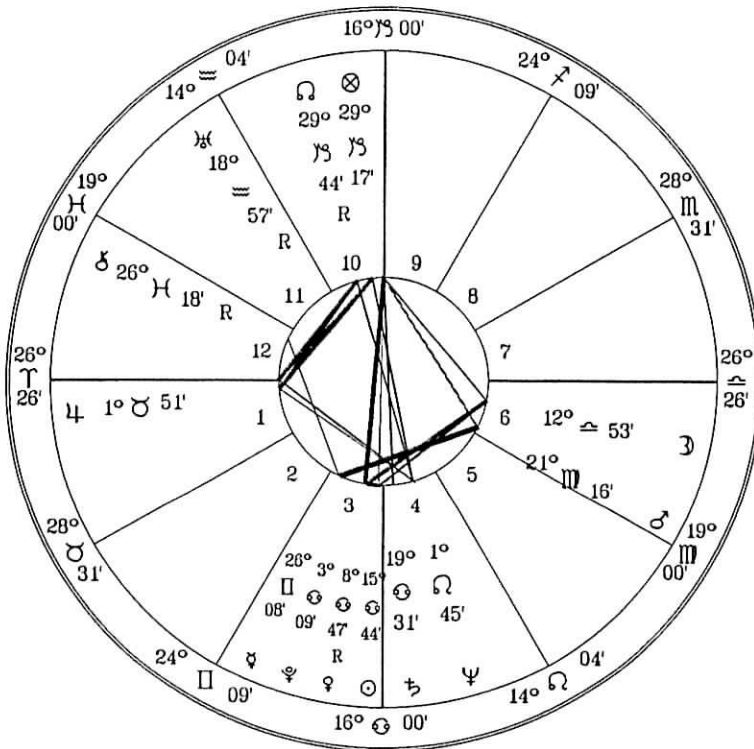


	<i>North Latitude</i>	<i>West Longitude</i>
New York City		
Harlem Hospital	40°48.9'	73°56.3'
Mount Sinai Hospital	40°47.4'	73°57.2'
Metropolitan Museum	40°46.8'	73°57.8'
Central Park Pond	40°46.0'	73°58.5'
Bellevue Medical Center	40°44.3'	73°58.5'
Grand Central Station	40°45.2'	73°58.6'
Carnegie Hall	40°45.9'	73°58.8'
Times Square	40°45.4'	73°59.3'
Washington Square Park	40°43.9'	73°59.9'
New York Stock Exchange	40°42.4'	74°00.7'
New Jersey		
Ellis Island	40°41.9'	74°02.5'
Philadelphia		
Independence Hall	39°56.9'	75°09.0'
Greenbelt, Maryland		
Goddard Space Flight Center	38°59.8'	76°51.1'
Washington, D.C.		
Supreme Court	38°53.4'	77°00.3'
Capitol	38°53.4'	77°00.6'
Ford's Theater	38°53.8'	77°01.6'
Walter Reed Army Medical Center	38°58.5'	77°01.8'
White House	38°53.8'	77°02.2'
Arlington County, Virginia		
Pentagon	38°52.3'	77°03.4'
Los Angeles		
Los Angeles County Hospital	34°03.7'	118°12.4'
Sunset and Vine (Hollywood)	34°05.9'	118°19.5'
City of Westminster, London		
Parliament (Clock Tower)	51°30.0'	0°07.4'
Westminster Abbey	51°29.9'	0°07.5'
10 Downing Street	51°30.2'	0°07.6'
St. James's Palace	51°30.4'	0°08.0'
Buckingham Palace	51°30.0'	0°08.5'

Al H. Morrison

Born: 6:15 a.m. UT, July 8, 1916. Little Rock, Ark. 34N45, 92W16
(from him). Al died on May 28, 1995, New York City.

For decades Al H. Morrison (he always insisted on the 'H') was one of NYC's leading astrologers; the long-time publisher of the *CAO Times* was an excellent lecturer and teacher; he was a fervent advocate of Chiron and the Void-of-course Moon; in recent years he was thrilled by the implications of the Face on Mars and the stone circles in Ireland; Al was one of the first and certainly one of the most ardent networkers within our astrological community, at it long before the term 'networking' was invented. Al H. Morrison was a fighter, with no patience for the fools who posture among us. He was equally fierce in his enthusiasms and his aversions. If he believed in someone or something he would go far out of his way, often at his own expense, to ensure others recognized the value he had seen; Al was someone who truly cared.



Rectification Contest number Eight

Readers were asked to determine the time of birth of a female born May 5, 1934 at Huntington in West Virginia (38N25, 82W27), who has experienced the following events in her life:

#	Date	Age	Nature of event
1	13 Jun 1935	1.11	Brother # 1 born
2	2 May 1940	5.99	Birth of twin brothers
3	12 Sep 1942	8.36	Brother # 4 born (Richard)
4	10 Mar 1944	9.85	Brother # 5 born
5	17 Mar 1948	13.87	Death of grandmother
6	3 Apr 1953	18.91	First marriage
7	12 Dec 1953	19.66	Birth of first child (son Mike)
8	30 Nov 1954	20.57	Birth of second child (daughter Marsha)
9	11 Jly 1957	23.18	Birth of third child (son Kelly)
10	23 Mar 1959	24.88	Birth of fourth child (daughter Lisa)
11	24 Oct 1961	27.47	Death of great-grandmother
12	27 Jly 1962	28.23	Death of step-father
13	19 Aug 1962	28.29	Birth of fifth child (son Christopher)
14	5 Jan 1963	28.67	Surgery — hysterectomy
15	2 Dec 1970	36.58	Death of uncle (Fred)
16	17 Jun 1971	37.12	Death of uncle (Everett)
17	29 Jun 1972	38.16	Divorce
18	19 Apr 1973	38.96	Accident — fractured sacrum
19	2 May 1975	40.99	Birth of grandson (Lee)
20	9 May 1975	41.01	Armed robbery —shotgun
21	16 Jan 1976	41.70	Second marriage
22	12 Aug 1976	42.27	Sunstroke in Bermuda
23	5 Mar 1977	42.83	Death of eldest child (Mike)
24	22 Apr 1984	49.97	Heart attack
25	29 Oct 1986	52.48	Death of brother (Richard)
26	6 Nov 1986	52.51	Heart catheterization
27	20 Mar 1989	54.87	Second divorce
28	5 Aug 1989	55.25	Death of mother
29	4 Feb 1991	56.75	Death of Aunt (Flo)

How did people do? Four entries were received, and one of these was very close to the time we had been given.

Entry #1: 3:15 a.m. EST

"The progressed solar method gave 5:17 a.m. using only solar aspects. Including planet-to-planet progressed aspects and parallels changed this to 3:42 a.m. It wasn't easy using $\mathcal{D}$ σ 's to exclude time ranges without knowing the subject's reaction to the events, but $\mathcal{D}$ σ $\mathcal{V}$ for the death of her grandmother doesn't seem likely, in which case birth was before 5:53 a.m. The Nicholls SR method and examining the likely position of the $\odot$ in annual New Moon charts led me to 3:15 a.m."

Entry # 2: 9:29 a.m.

No details of the method used were provided.

Entry # 3 : 2:11 p.m.

"Using a natal time for 0:00 LT, I cast solar returns for the major life events, and used Ross Harvey's Solar Return lunar method to establish a range of likely times. The times for conjunctions of the SR $\mathcal{D}$ with SR and natal planets ranged from noon to 3:12 p.m. and averaged at 2 p.m. *JigSaw* highlighted two times near this, 1:57 and 2:11, both with $\mathcal{M}$ rising. I chose the latter, with ASC $12^{\circ}24'$ $\mathcal{M}$ and MC $9^{\circ}54'$ $\mathcal{I}$ because the 12° area gave the strongest peak on the event graph with 9 - 10° almost as prominent. This was also the chart with the most contacts to the angles from transits.

Mutable angles, $\mathcal{V}$ in the VIth, $\mathcal{V}$ rising and 7 planets west all seem appropriate for one who has had more than her share of disappointment and misfortune. $\mathcal{D}$ in VIth is appropriate for the mother of five, as is $\mathcal{Q}$ at 29° $\mathcal{H}$ in the VIIth."

Entry # 4: 6:38 p.m. EST.

"I first decided it was a diurnal birth using the first marriage at age 18.9. Age Harmonics were then used to eliminate time ranges containing inappropriate aspects, suggesting a time after 18:37 EST. As sunset at Huntington on the birthday was at 19:19 EST this reduced the possible range to 42 minutes. The Nicholls solar return method, with seven events and 31 contacts, gave 18:38. σ and $\mathcal{Q}$ in the VIIth supports the two divorces, and $\mathcal{V}$ in the IVth the early implied death of the father (no date provided). *JigSaw* gave a confirming time of 18:37, but with two stelliums close to the angles this may not be accurate."

THE ACTUAL time of birth is stated to have been 2 p.m. EST, which is very close to the time of 2:11 p.m. suggested by Entry #3, Shirley Gray of East Lansing, Michigan. Congratulations, Shirley! Your subscription to *Considerations* has been extended for a further year.

Unlike each of the previous rectification contests, this time is not backed by a birth certificate but comes from the native's mother, the birth having taken place at home. While the actual birth may not have been exactly at the stated time, it was probably very close thereto, and absence of the certificate (a frequent occurrence in many parts of the world) does not reduce Shirley Grey's fine achievement in any way.

Details of Rectification Contest #9 follow:

Rectification Contest #9

TRY your hand at rectification with the following subject. Let us have your best estimate of this person's time of birth, together with an explanation of how you arrived at it. Mail your entries to *Considerations* by December 15th.

Male, born on November 17th, 1940 at 42N37, 71W14.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Nature of event</i>
1940 Nov 17	0.0000	Birth
1941 July 21	0.6740	Hospitalized for pneumonia
1945 May	4.	Baptized for second time
1945 June 1	4.5397	Tonsils removed
1946 June 1	5.5397	Whooping cough
1947 June 2	6.5425	Chicken pox
1950 May 16	9.4986	Accident — nail in foot
1952 June 2	11.5479	Accident — lacerated lip
1958 July 24	17.6932	Enlisted in Air Force
1961 March	20.	Located birth mother
1964 Oct 3	23.8932	Marriage
1965 July 29	24.7123	Birth of son
1967 Sep 15	26.8438	Birth of daughter
1976 Dec 7	36.0795	Wife's heart attack
1979 Jan	38.	Foster mother died
1979 May 31	38.5589	Retired from Air Force
1979 Aug 16	38.7699	Graduated from college
1980 June/Jly	39.	Met father for first time
1985 Feb 26	44.3068	Wife died
1985 Dec 14	45.1041	Remarried



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